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● LEFT: Naval Regional Officer for Northern England Capt Paul Sutermeister congratulates Jack Cotterell from Aston, who served in HMS Gloucester in World War I, on his 100th birthday (see page 13).



● LEFT: RFA Sir Galahad at Lobito, Angola — she is now home after a four month deployment in support of UN peacekeeping operations in the war-torn west African republic (see page 3).

● RIGHT: a favourite with the Fleet. Comedian Jim Davidson drops in on HMS Marlborough (see page 8).



# RN ships stand by Montserrat UNDER THE VOLCANO

## Washday for 'Black Duke'

HMS Monmouth — known as the 'Black Duke' — carries out anti-nuclear fallout "pre-wetting" exercises in the Pacific. The Type 23 frigate has been visiting New Zealand, Fiji and Australia during her current deployment (see centre pages).

AS A VOLCANO on the West Indies island of Montserrat threatened full-scale eruption last month, the Navy moved in to the rescue.

HMS Southampton landed 90 sailors and 30 Royal Marines to help evacuate 5,000 to shelter in the north of the island.



As *Navy News* went to press almost as many had flown out to neighbouring Antigua and St Kitts.

The Type 42 destroyer had been standing by for several weeks as the previously docile volcano of Chances Peak in the Soufriere mountains started to belch smoke, ash and sulphur dioxide and the island suffered a number of earth tremors.

Her ship's company helped erect a tent city on the cricket pitch of St John's in the north of the island as part of contingency planning.

On August 21 the volcanic activity increased and the capital of Plymouth in the south west of the 11 by seven mile island was covered with a two inch layer of ash from a cloud said to have risen 7,000 ft.

Then came three more eruptions and Royal Marines who scaled the peak found a third vent had opened.

### Evacuation

Governor Frank Savage signed an emergency order to start the evacuation of 5,000 islanders — almost half the population — from the Plymouth area. Around 2,000 were accommodated in the tent city while the rest were housed in designated shelters, schools or with friends.

Mr Savage further advised evacuation of an area south of the Belham River. Anyone "uncomfortable with the situation" should consider leaving and arrangements were being made with regional airlines and other operators.

He warned that it might be necessary to carry out a total evacuation of the island at a later date.

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● VOLCANO WATCH: a Lynx helicopter from HMS Westminster flies out of Montserrat's venting volcano after taking gas samples.



# Aircrew answers open day SOS

**A SEA KING** from HMS Cumberland scrambled for a rescue in the middle of an open day with 500 visitors in and around the ship.

The helicopter was on the dockside at Barrow in Furness when a call came through from a retired naval officer whose son had been hit by a Land Rover in the Western Lakes area.

Lt Cdr Legge had been on board Cumberland just two days earlier and knew about the Sea King's search and rescue capability and sent an SOS to the ship.

Cumberland's commander Capt Mark Kerr gave the order to scramble and it took just 15 minutes to clear the area of visitors, complete flight servicing, brief the aircrew and take off.

After a quick refuel at Walney Airfield, the Sea King from 810 Sqn A Flt located 13-year-old Guy Legge who lay on

the side of a mountain 13 nm away with a shattered right leg.

With help from the local mountain rescue team, the aircrew prepared the casualty, briefed a doctor from the scene and flew them with the patient's mother to Furness District Hospital for treatment.

## Full recovery

The casualty underwent surgery for multiple breaks and is expected to make a full recovery.

The Sea King returned to Barrow where the capabilities of the Mk 6 aircraft and the professionalism of the flight engineers and aircrew, Lt Mark Hill, Lt Mike Bullen, Lt Steve Gray and LACMN Paul Dingley, were appreciated by the large number of visitors.

## Field day for Fleet Air Arm

**FLEET** Air Arm field gunners have won the 1995 Royal Tournament Inter-Command Challenge Cup after one of the closest contests for years.

They finished just two points ahead of Portsmouth and three points clear of Devonport at the end of a hard-fought battle in London's Olympia stadium.

The Fastest Time Cup was also won by the FAA with a run of 2.42.28, with Portsmouth and Devonports' best times both within five seconds of it.

The aggregate times were: FAA 41.32.23, Portsmouth 42.04.62 and Devonport 41.43.40. The Sunday Express Trophy for the fewest penalty points during the week was awarded to Devonport.

## All change as ships swap deployments



Tropical whites were still the order of the day when HMS Manchester steamed back into Portsmouth for a traditional welcome from friends and families. Picture: POBail

## Multinational exercises for Manchester

HMS MANCHESTER is back from the Arabian Gulf after a busy seven-month deployment on the Armilla Patrol.

The ship sailed from the UK in January to join the RFA tanker Bayleaf, and acted as Task Group Commander when HMS Sheffield was on station in May and June.

Manchester operated alongside the American navy enforcing UN sanctions against Iraq, and conducted multi-national exercises with French, Saudi Arabian and Bahraini navies among others.

The ship played a major part in the International Defence Exhibition in Abu Dhabi (Navy News, May 1995) and joined the Five Powers Defence Agreement Exercise off the coast of Malaysia with ships from Australia, Singapore and Malaysia.

## Gloucester recalls wartime comrades

ON HER way out to the Gulf to take over Armilla Patrol duties, from Manchester, HMS Gloucester passed the spot where the ninth Gloucester was sunk during World War II and held a memorial ceremony for the 700 men who lost their lives.

On May 22, 1942, the light cruiser was sent with HMS Fiji to pick up survivors from HMS Greyhound, sunk earlier by dive bombers while defending the island.

The ships themselves came under heavy air attack, and with no air cover and insufficient anti-aircraft ammunition, Gloucester was eventually overwhelmed.

## Bombed

She was hit seven times by bombs and torpedoes before she sank and only 84 of the 807 ship's company survived and were taken prisoner.

In less than a year's service in the Mediterranean, the 'Fighting G' won five battle honours and lost over 700 men, including two commanding officers.

Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham observed: "Thus went the gallant Gloucester. She had endured all things, and no ship had worked harder or had more risky tasks."

The moving ceremony was conducted at sunset on the cur-

rent HMS Gloucester's flight deck by Gloucester's Chaplain the Revd Bill Matthews, and ended with the commanding officer, Commander Chris Parry, laying a wreath in the water for those who lost their lives.



Above: HMS Gloucester at full power off Portland

Left: Commander Chris Parry lays a wreath at the spot where her wartime counterpart was sunk near the island of Crete on May 22, 1942. The ship was bombarded while trying to rescue survivors from HMS Greyhound.



Russian Sukhoi-27 is flanked by two of Yeovilton's FA2 Sea Harriers. Picture: MEMIL Mick Stokes

## Air Day raises £30,000 for naval charities

MORE THAN 22,000 people poured through the gates of HMS Heron to see the World's top military pilots in action at RNAS Yeovilton's International Air Day.

Daring performances from Russian SU-27 fighters, the latest Sea Harriers, Tornados, F-16s and the Red Arrows thrilled spectators.

The theme for the event was the Fleet Air Arm in World War II, and memories of the past were brought to life with a Spitfire roaring overhead and a flypast by a Swordfish and Firefly of the RN Historic Flight.

Helicopters from all over Europe took to the air and the grand finale was an airborne assault by Commandos fast roping from FAA Sea Kings.

Evoking scenes from Bosnia and the Gulf, troops were backed up by Gazelle and Lynx helicopters with heavy duty fire-power on call from Yeovilton's FA2 Sea Harriers.

## Record

The event raised a record £31,000 for naval charities. Greatly improved facilities and the vast range of ground entertainments and exhibitions contributed to make the 1995 Air Day one of the best ever.

## Heading South for winter

SAILORS from HMS Westminster will soon be more familiar with the South Atlantic than Southsea with the redeployment of the Portsmouth-based Type 23 frigate.

Westminster replaces HMS Marlborough (see page eight) for a seven-month stint. On her way she was diverted to the island of Montserrat which is threatened with a volcanic eruption, but will be in the Falklands on time after a brief stop at Rio de Janeiro.

Before leaving, the ship strengthened her links with the City of Westminster by meeting the Lord Mayor, Cllr Alan Bradley, Westminster Waterman Mr Gary Quilter from the the Honourable Company of Watermen and Lightermen.

He was presented with a refurbished Waterman's Oar by the ship's CO, Cdr Andrew Cameron.



# Galahad back from Angola mission

RFA Sir Galahad returned to her home port of Marchwood last month after a gruelling four-month deployment in support of UN peace-keeping operations in war-torn Angola.



● Capt Bill Walworth

The West African republic is emerging from a civil war that had its origins over 25 years ago and the UN Angolan Verification Mission III (UNAVEM III) was set up to monitor the progress of the Lusaka Protocol that formed the basis of the ceasefire, signed in November last year.

The British contingent was the first UN unit into the country and Sir Galahad has played a vital role in carrying troops and equipment into the port of Lobito.

Here she has provided temporary accommodation and logistic support for the Army — even making fresh water until engineers could sink bore holes.

She was also used to move men and material between Lobito and the capital, Luanda — a job that could only be done by sea as few roads are open because of mines. "The country is very badly damaged by the war," Sir Galahad's commanding officer Capt Bill Walworth told *Navy News*. "There are thousands of refugees and displaced persons living in shanty towns and camps around Lobito and Luanda and many children live in very distressing conditions on the streets."

His crew of 55 helped build a school for street children in Benguela City, with teams travelling daily to dig foundations, lay bricks and plaster and paint the walls — while their families in the UK were asked to collect sports equipment to be sent out for the children.

## IN BRIEF

SIX of the Hydrographic Office's earliest charts including the first, of the coast of Egypt published in 1801, went on display at the National Maritime Museum last month.

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THE FLEET Air Arm Museum was presented with a portrait of Prince Philip by Jamie Newell to mark his 31 years as Patron, a role he passes on to The Duke of York next month.

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THE AMIR of Kuwait has given £83,000 to King George's Fund for Sailors in recognition of the Royal Navy's part in the liberation of the country from Iraq in 1991.

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LIVERPOOL Universities Royal Naval Unit helped launch a new campaign to revive the image of Merseyside at the Maritime Museum, Albert Dock.

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RN Air Station Yeovilton's work to maintain its woodland and pond habitats has won it the Silver Otter Conservation Award.

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NOW the school is co-educational, the Royal Hospital School Old Boys Association is renamed the Royal Hospital School Association and has received a new banner.

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A GANNET AEW Mk3, last of the Navy's fixed wing airborne early warning aircraft phased out in the late 1970s, has been bought by ex-members of 849 Squadron and delivered to RN Air Station Culdrose.

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A PERMANENT exhibition on the former RNR HQ unit HMS Calpe has been opened at the Gibraltar Museum.

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THE ANNUAL Seafarers Sunday Service was held for the first time in the open air this year on Devonport Naval Base's historic Number 1 covered slip.

RAF heavy-lift Chinook helicopters, on call to support humanitarian relief operations in the former Yugoslavia, carry out deck landing practice aboard HMS Invincible, currently on station in the Adriatic.

Last month, HMS Glasgow, taking part in Sharp Guard operations there, was involved in a rescue off the Albanian coast.

While on patrol in the



Straits of Otranto as part of the multi-national force enforcing the United Nations embargo to prevent unauthorised shipping entering the territorial waters of the former Yugoslavia, she spotted

a speedboat, unmanned and circling under its own power. Glasgow's Lynx helicopter began a search with aircraft from other NATO ships in the area and four hours later a group of people was sighted on rocks near the coast — plus a body in the water, which was recovered by the Albanian Coastguard.

● It was announced last month that Maj Gen David Pennefather, RM has been appointed to lead the Reaction Force Operations Staff in Bosnia.



## Rolls-Royce Squadron



CCPO K.W.F. Greenway, Senior Maintenance Rating of 801 Naval Air Squadron, accepts the Rolls Royce Fleet Air Arm Engineering Efficiency Trophy from the Chairman of Rolls Royce, Sir Ralph Robins, on board HMS Illustrious.

During seven months deployment in the Adriatic with HMS Ark Royal his team achieved 100 per cent operational availability with over 500 sorties being flown.

Conversion to the FA2 Sea Harrier and embarkation in Illustrious for the Squadron's third Adriatic deployment further demonstrated "a highly commendable level of engineering efficiency and zeal."

## Old Lymers

SIX former crew members of the wartime minesweeper HMS Lyme Regis met again for the first time in 50 years when they gathered at Lyme Regis parish church under the White Ensign flown by the ship during the D-Day landings.

## Spotlight on Brilliant

HMS BRILLIANT, subject of the BBC TV documentary series, turned out to be the star attraction at Plymouth Navy Days.

Queues were longer for the Type 22 frigate than for any other vessel on display at the three-day event.

## Brazen rides high in Kiel

THE Ship's Company of HMS Brazen enjoyed an array of sporting events during their recent visit to Kiel for the Kiel Week celebrations.

Highlight of the events was the International Volleyball Competition which included teams from Italy, Holland and Germany as well as the UK.

Although off to a nervous start, Brazen's team quickly overcame both the Dutch and German B teams and then proceeded to draw 1-1 with a very sharp Italian team from the Italian ship Mimbelli.

With Brazen and the German A team level pegging at five games each, the last match provided an exciting end to a competitive afternoon's sport, Brazen taking an early lead and maintaining their advantage, overcoming the German team 2-0.





PERSONNEL who leave on redundancy may still be liable for recall in time of war or crisis. And soon female ratings are likely to be similarly liable under the planned Reserve Forces Act.

At present, men with less than 22 years service who leave the Royal Navy have a three-year liability up to the age of 55 and form the Royal Fleet Reserve — not to be confused with the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Reserve.

When leavers are released and are liable for RFR service they are enrolled by the Registrar of Reserves in Centurion Building and sent enrolment documents. They must maintain a basic scale of kit and they — as well as RN pensioners in their first three years' reserve service — are contacted annually so that personal details can be checked.

## In contact

Administration of the system is carried out by the Civil Service personnel on the Registrar of Reserves staff who keep in contact with reservists by letter or phone. Eventually the reservist is informed when his liability ends.

Responsibility for controlling the allocation of RN active service and ex-Regular reservists to crisis and war billets lies with the War Drafting Control Office (WDCO). Although the likelihood of a full war breaking out is improbable in the foreseeable future, out-of-area crises are all-too probable — and it is on that basis that planning proceeds.

For active service personnel, crisis or war billets are dual drafts, requiring pre-training or

# Leavers in crisis call - back system



"We only keep TABS on them when they go — not tags!"

special qualifications. Suitable ratings are matched to them in peacetime and the 1,000 people involved should be aware of their dual billet selection through the Manpower Allocation

Control Centre.

The equivalent system for Reservists involves dormant drafts in which ratings are pre-matched to crisis jobs as far as practicable. At present there

are about 2,000 dormant drafts and, although ex-Regular reservists may not be aware that they are pre-matched, RNR personnel are informed.

Following reductions and re-

## THE TEAM

MEMBERS of the War Drafting Control Office, with phone Centurion phone extensions area:

WDC officer and Registrar of Reserves	Lt Cdr Nigel Parry 2384
Assistant WDCO/Office manager	POWTR Trevor Jackson 2105
Office Writer	WWTR Kim Wood 2485
Reserves administration:	
RN Pensioners	Mrs Grace Clark 2046
RFR (A-K)	Mrs Ruth Lowdon 2253
RFR (L-Z)	Mrs Lesley Lowe 2199
RFR annual reporting	Mrs Mary Richardson 2252
RM RFR/Pensioners	Mrs Gail Brookers 2513

structuring, plans have been laid for a new rapid response system, involving active service and Reserves personnel, to react to out-of-area crises.

## Relevance

The Government intends to make the role of reservists more relevant to today's needs so that they can be deployed more widely for operational roles in peacetime. As part of the plan the Ministry of Defence has put much work into the new Reserve Forces Act, although any new provision would only apply to ex-Regulars who had joined the RN

after the Act and to volunteer Reserves engaging after that date.

The Act will introduce financial assistance for individuals who are called out and whose military salary is less than their civilian earnings. Employers will also be helped financially.

The plans, on which industry and Reserves organisations have been consulted, are for an entirely voluntary system in which reservists may serve either full-time or part-time with the Armed Forces and that service would be normal employment like any other agreed between MOD and individual reservists.

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## On Call Force back home

THE FOUR ships of the UK's On Call Mine Countermeasures Force returned to their home ports of Rosyth and Portsmouth last month after a three month deployment to the Mediterranean.

HMS Inverness, Walney, Brecon and Hurworth (above) have been taking part in naval exercises in France, Portugal and Spain with high profile operational visits to Istanbul and the Black Sea ports of Varna (Bulgaria) and Constanta (Romania).

Early on, the On Call Force Commander Cdr James Humphrys and his staff embarked in the survey ship HMS Roebuck, once again excelling in her command ship role.

When the time came for the 'Great White Lady' to move on the Naples-based MV Italica took on a major supporting role on charter to the RN.

Originally the Yugo Navigator, she was built in the Baltic in 1981 and is primarily used for scientific research expeditions to Antarctica.

While in Istanbul HMS Hurworth was presented with the GEC Marconi Mine Warfare Efficiency Trophy as the most productive vessel in the Flotilla.

## Pig sacrificed for Banyan tree

One of two famous Banyan trees planted in the old RN ceremonial area in Hong Kong shortly after World War I has been removed to the other side of Victoria Basin.

The eastern Banyan at Prince of Wales Barracks was lifted into a barge for the journey and replanted on the site of the former HMS Tamar workshops.

Work on the tree — reducing the crown and pruning the rootball — began six months ago when it was discovered it lay in the path of a new road.

To appease the God of the Earth, workmen lit joss sticks, burnt paper money and offered up a roasted pig to ensure the tree would flourish in its new location.

● National president of the Royal British Legion Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton led a party of 160 veterans, ex-POWs and war widows to Hong Kong to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation on August 28.

### Swag bagged

Three naval heirlooms — a pair of silver candlesticks and two telescopes — have been recovered by Strathclyde Police from a haul believed to come from burglaries in the Cotswolds.







JACK

BY TUBS



## Letters

# Ruffled feathers in Dublin Bay

LAST MONTH'S report of HMS Brocklesby's visit to Dublin, the first by a Royal Navy ship for over 30 years, reminds me of a fleeting call made by HMS Tremadoc Bay in December, 1945.

The frigate was towing a surrendered coastal U-boat to Libau, Latvia, to be given to the Russians, and for some reason put into Dublin Bay en route.

Soon after she anchored, bumboats arrived. A face appeared at a porthole of the communications messdeck, and bartering began for a turkey. A trade in duty frees was agreed, and the cigarettes were passed through the port.

But then there was a mocking laugh, and the bumboat pushed off without handing over the turkey.

### Tough

A crafty sparker planned revenge. Cigarettes were emptied from their packets, which were duly weighted and the cellophane replaced.

When the next bumboat called, negotiations resulted in two fowl being swapped for the fake bags.

When the inevitable rumpus blew up, the officer of the watch soon dealt with the irate boatmen.

But two wrongs don't make a right — and we had our comeuppance when the fowl turned out to be as tough as old boots! — **F. Bennett, Llandeilo, Dyfed.**

## Sad loss of the 'Inde'

AS AN ex-pupil, I was shocked to hear of the closure of the Indefatigable School on Anglesey.

Since 1864 it has provided pastoral care for thousands of

boys. Originally established on the Mersey as a sea training school for orphans of seafarers, it started life on a captured French frigate which was commissioned as HMS Indefatigable.

Since 'Options for Change' and the decision of the local education authority to stop paying the fees of 12 local boys who wished to follow a naval career, the school like many others dependent on recruiting pupils from service families has struggled to keep afloat.

The 'Inde' has always had extremely close links with the Royal Navy. During my time (1986-89) I remember annual visits to HMS Raleigh for damage control and firefighting courses, to Devonport and Culdrose, and loans to the school of the tenders Manly, Mentor and Millbrook.

The loss of this institution is a sad loss to the RN. — **A. W. Ryan, Carmarthen.**

## Hostilities suspended

I WAS very interested to see HMS Garuda mentioned in your VE Day supplement (May issue). I served two years on this base in Southern India — and there wasn't much to celebrate with, as Tony Snitter recalls.

But we finished on a good note, all the same. A comic football match was organised with the CO kicking off — meanwhile his car was being driven round the outside of the pitch with about 15 ratings riding on the roof.

When he came to drive off every one of the springs was broken and the tyres were rubbing against the mudguards.

We knew the war had finished as nobody was put on a charge and six nurses were put in the static water tank. All personnel were issued with a two rupee note for a drink. I didn't spend mine — I wrote on it 'For services rendered in World War II'. — **G. G. Johnson, Great Haywood, Staffs.**

## Unquiet by a quarry

I WAS interested to see last month's letter about Rupert Brooke's grave, because there was quite a drama about that grave in the early eighties, during my time as the Naval Attache in Athens.

Tucked away in an olive grove on the Aegean island of Skyros, and far from any road, the solitary grave sits among the trees a few yards from the head of a narrow little bay.

It was here that Rupert Brooke's body was brought in 1915, and a more peaceful spot it would be hard to imagine.

The grave is the responsibility of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, but is very rarely visited, and it was a descendant of the poet's family who discovered that the olive grove had been sold to a quarry company, and that heavy lorries were now passing within three feet of the grave.

Letters to The Times ensued, and the Consul General and I were despatched to see what we could do.

At first we had a rather frosty reception from the quarryman and the local communist mayor, but eventually they agreed to re-route the lorries through the olive trees a bit further away, and weeks later on a cold

spring day I made my way along the rocky track, to find the grave once more surrounded by spring flowers, the lorries out of sight, and the quarry hidden from view beyond the trees.

Rupert Brooke's "corner of a foreign field" was once again a place of beauty and peace. I hope it still is today. — **Vice Admiral Sir David Dobson, Petersfield.**

## Privileged customers

FURTHER to M. J. Hill's letter (August issue), the RNA does have the equivalent of the RBL St James' branch, called the Headquarters Roll.

We do not have a direct debit facility (ex-matelots do not trust them) but subs at £5 per year can be paid on a standing order.

It should be pointed out that membership of the RNA and RBL does not permit bookings of the Union Jack Club or the China Fleet Club as a matter of right — though it sometimes makes them easier! — **H. Mair, Asst Sec, RNA.**

**LETTERS to the Editor should always be accompanied by the correspondent's name and address, not necessarily for publication.**

# Names that tell their own story

LITTLE is known of HM Rescue Tugs and the vital part they played in World War II, Ed Gardner of Toronto has noted (July issue).

Using the names of 57 of them, this is how I got round the problem when I spoke at our reunion at our wartime base of Campbeltown this summer:

"What is a rescue tug? To most people the answer is one we have all become so familiar with — 'Don't know', accompanied by a puzzled frown. In fact an Enigma.

"Those who have maybe seen one, *Restive* at her moorings as the weather deteriorated, may have classed her as a *Freebooter* of old, waiting for the *Reward* of salvage.

"And no wonder, with names like *Marauder*, *Brigand*, *Buccaneer* and *Vagrant*, they created the wrong impression.

"Not for them the *Advantage* of the sleek and *Jaunty* lines of a destroyer, or the *Frisky* MTBs who liked to *Flaunt* their speed.

"Far from being a *Bandit*, her *Allegiance* is to saving ships and lives, usually during the kind of atrocious weather

when more *Prudent* vessels are *Captive* in a snug harbour.

"But it was during the war years that these *Eminent* ships really came into their own, when at the *Behest* of the Admiralty they were required to do the job of a *Sea Giant* with the strength of a *Mastodonte*.

"With the *Assurance* of an *Assiduous* crew and a *Masterful* Seaman in command, she would tackle a *Mammoth* task with *Integrity* and *Resolve*, ever *Mindful* of being a *Favourite* target for enemy aircraft.

"Her *Destiny* was the performance of a *Superman*, requiring *Bold* and *Nimble* seamanship, with little recognition except to perform an *Encore*.

"On many occasions, this *Champion* of marine rescue would return to harbour only to receive orders from the *Director* of operations to proceed to yet another job. She would about turn with a *Saucy* flick of her stern and plough back into the fray with all the confidence of a *Stormking*, living up to the names of *Bustler*, *Growler*, *Enforcer*, *Adherent* and the like.

"In searching for casualties, there was no distress *Flare* to help, just a *Dexterous* search, with an *Adept* calculation of wind and tide and the *Tenacity* to carry on.

"Connecting the tow in bad weather with the heaving line required the fitness of an *Athlete* and the skill of a cowboy with his *Lariat*. Also a *Cheerily* disposition did not come amiss, as there was no room for a *Griper* here.

"Names like *Prosperous*, *Emphatic*, *Sesame* and *Aspirant* are now only a memory, but when each job was done and she entered harbours around the world, the Rescue Tug was also an *Envoy* of the UK, who had fought for *Justice* and *Freedom*." — **J. A. Williams, Hull.**

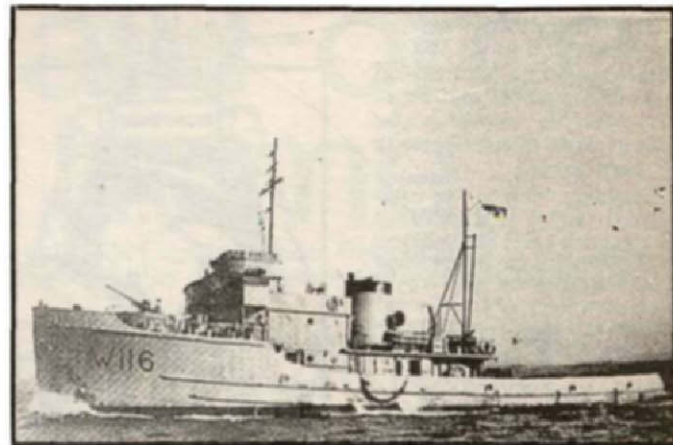
● Below: HMS Eminent

## NO CLUB FOR SURVIVORS

THERE is every kind of old comrades association — but none simply for shipwreck survivors.

Membership could not be restricted to naval personnel, of course — and these days oil platform crews would count, too. So perhaps the net would be far too wide to handle.

But it is odd that while most shipwreck survivors are very reticent about telling most people about their experiences, they avidly exchange details with fellow survivors. It is a bond. — **A. Burnett-Leys, Cullen, Banffshire.**



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## Hotels with a Naval flavour

I WAS interested to read the letter from Mr M. E. Coleman (June issue) about the gastronomic delights served at the Province of Natal Hotel, Weymouth, which I hope to sample some day.

Of even more interest was the fact that the hotel belongs to the Royal Navy. How did the RN get involved in the hotel business and how did this one get its name? — **T. Binns, St Michaels on Sea, Natal.**

M. E. Coleman writes:  
The Royal Navy's only hotel was bought in 1949 with money presented to the RN for helping to defend South Africa during the Second World War.

It was collected by a group of ladies in Natal led by the opera singer Perla Gibson — the 'Lady in White' who sang to the troops passing through Durban.

The hotel is mid-Victorian, originally two semi-detached residences and later two hotels. One of these was the former Grosvenor Hotel which was requisitioned by the Admiralty in 1939 and used to accommodate the Wrens who manned the local AA guns and searchlights.

The Province of Natal now provides subsidised holidays for all serving and ex-RN, WRNS, RM and QARNNS personnel and members of their immediate families.

FLOWER Class corvette veterans may like to know that an impressive display in memory of those who did their training at Tobermory under Commodore Sir Gilbert Stephenson adorns the foyer of the Western Isles Hotel (HMS Western Isles 1939-45) there. — **W. Chatterton, Leicester.**





# One brand new — and one renewed

LADY Layard, who launched HMS Somerset in June last year, spent a day on board when the Type 23 frigate sailed for the first time (see above).

The ship's 10-day maiden voyage took her off the Scottish and Cumbrian coasts for initial propulsion machinery and gunnery trials.

She is now back at Yarrow Shipbuilders on the Clyde for installation and commissioning of her weapons and sensor systems.

Meanwhile Mrs Susie Essenhigh, wife of the Hydrographer of the Navy, was inspecting the results of an eight month £3.5m refit for HMS Bulldog following the coastal survey vessel's rededication at Devonport.

Bulldog, first commissioned in 1968, is now older than 70 per cent of her ship's company — including her Meteorological Officer Lt Maria Galbraith, currently on an exchange appointment from the US Navy.

The ship took part in Navy Days at Devonport last month and is one of the first ships to participate in Operational Sea Training out of Devonport since Flag Officer Sea Training's move from Portland. She is soon to leave for a six month deployment to the Persian Gulf.

Below: Mrs Essenhigh cuts HMS Bulldog's rededication cake with the youngest member of the ship's company, Seaman George Anderson.



## Communicating with the past

THE 1995 Special Duties Communications Officers Course at HMS Collingwood wanted their traditional group photograph to be something a bit different.

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With help from the RN Submarine Museum and by permission of the Commanding Officer and First Lieutenant of HMS Victory — themselves both Communicators — the trip back in time was made possible.

Left to right (top) are Lt Mark Taylor, S/Lt Chris Kirby and S/Lt Nigel Dale. Left to right (below), Lt John Braisher, S/Lt Kevin Kirby and Lt Bill Bennett.

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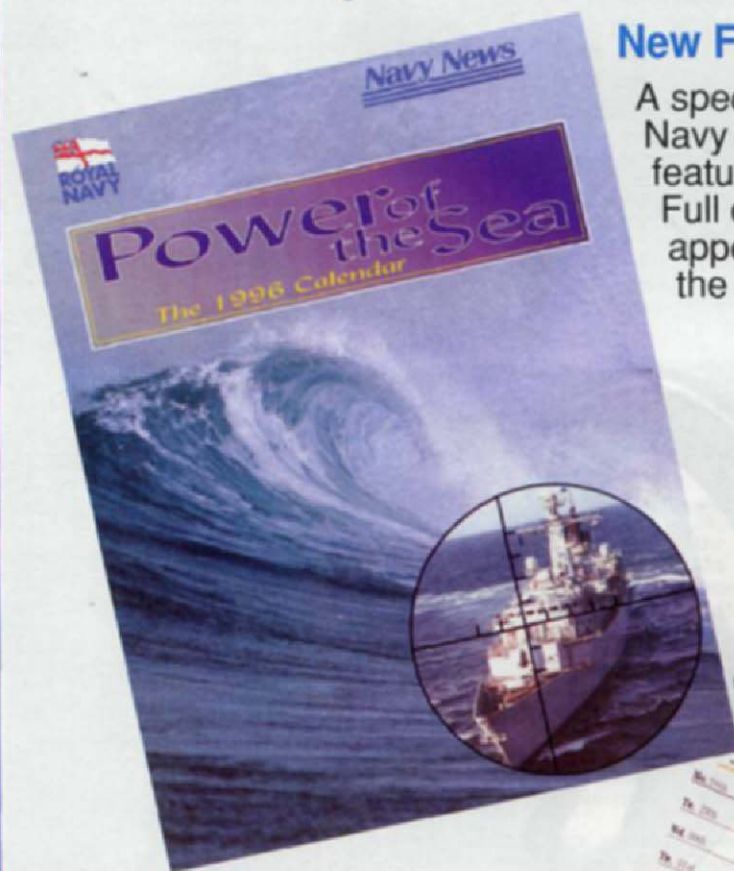
● Left: HMS Marlborough at Grytviken, South Georgia.  
● Above: a Chilean fishing vessel burns out of control.

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PLEASE ALLOW 28 DAYS FOR DELIVERY

HMS Marlborough is on her way home to Portsmouth this month after the longest SOUTHLANT deployment to date — 186 days on station.

The Type 23 frigate, which sailed from the UK on 13 January, hands over her duties as Falkland Islands Guardship to her sister ship HMS Westminster — somewhat delayed after standing in for HMS Southampton at Montserrat (see page one).

Her travels have been crowded with incident — even during the outward passage troubles in Sierra Leone required her to stand by to offer in case of the need to evacuate British nationals.

She carried out two South Georgia roulements for the small Army garrison there, took part in a number of Falklands theatre-wide exercises — notably Purple Strike and Cape Petrel — and also had the opportunity to practise evolutions with the Uruguayan Navy.

High drama came with a fire in the Chilean fishing vessel Isla Guafu. Once the crew had been taken off, Marlborough's fire-fighters battled long and hard to bring the blaze under control — but it had taken too firm a hold.

The hulk had to be left to burn out and was then scuttled. A more prosaic aspect of the ship's performance that was pushed to the limit was her catering endurance — even though she sailed with extra freezers installed.

### Pies furthest south

Among the extra provisions were two Melton Mowbray pork pies consumed at a picnic on South Georgia — an event extensively covered by the Leicester Mercury when it was claimed none had been eaten further south.

Keeping the ship supplied from the Falklands was Lt Cdr Eddie Douthwaite, RNSTS, who celebrated his 1,000th day in the South Atlantic theatre during Marlborough's time on station. He has now completed his sixth tour — the first was in 1982 — and has worked for five Commanders British Forces there.

Visitors to HMS Marlborough have included the C-in-C Fleet, Admiral Sir Hugo White and comedian Jim Davidson, who made an unscheduled call to deliver a rapturously received show.

While anchored off Port Stanley the ship also hosted the British Forces Broadcasting Service, transmitting Dave Simon's Breakfast Show.

Calls at Rio de Janeiro and Montevideo allowed families and girlfriends to meet up with their loved ones — as well as providing exercise opportunities and, at Rio, the platform for a major Defence Industry Day.

On her return, after maintenance in Portsmouth, HMS Marlborough will prepare for a short deployment to the USA in the New Year.



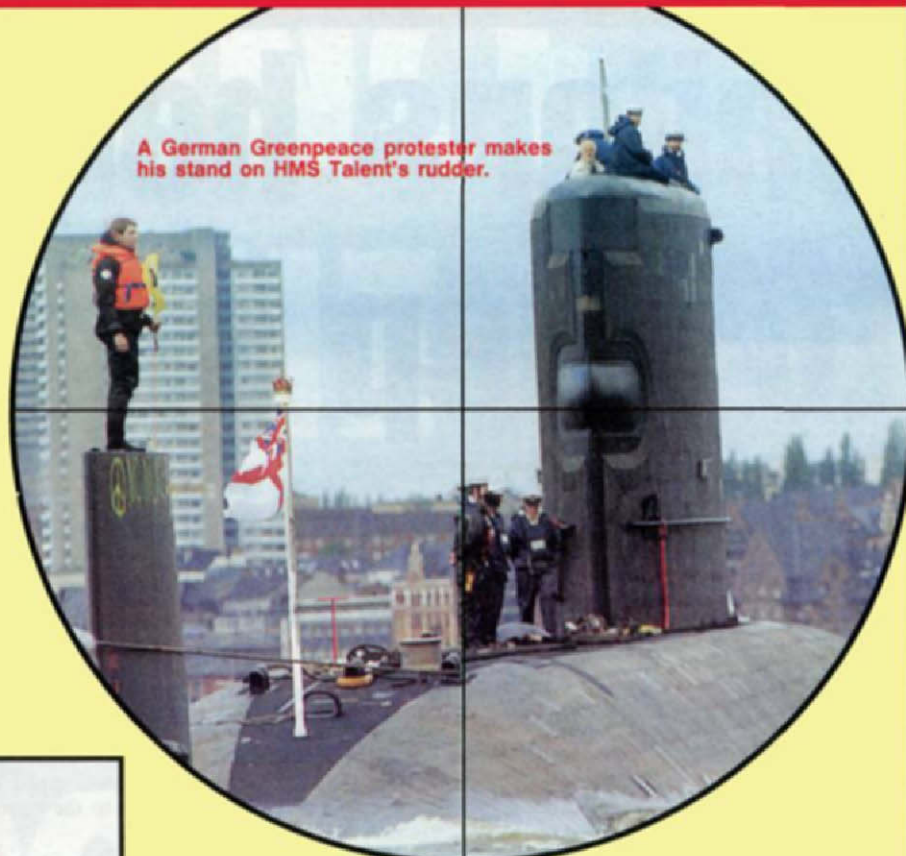
● BFBS disc jockey Dave Simon interviews 'Chunky the Chef' in a live transmission from HMS Marlborough off Port Stanley.



# KNOCK THREE TIMES



Capt Jonathan Lyall, Commodore Mike Johnson and The Princess Royal make their way towards HMS Talent. A helicopter of The Royal Squadron RAF is in the background.



A German Greenpeace protester makes his stand on HMS Talent's rudder.



"We don't want you to go!" The men of HMS Talent reluctantly part with model Wendy Valdhuis.

TWO OF a trio of visitors to come knocking on the hatch of Trafalgar-class submarine HMS Talent recently were warmly received. The other, an uninvited guest, was left out in the cold.

The Princess Royal, who launched HMS Talent in 1988 and is her sponsor, spent an enjoyable day on the boat as it went through a variety of evolutions, both dived and surfaced.

Princess Anne — met on arrival at Devonport by Naval Base Commander, Commodore Mike Johnson, and Captain Second Submarine Squadron, Capt Jonathan Lyall, chatted with members of HMS Talent's crew.

They extended an equally warm welcome to another caller — top model Wendy Valdhuis, who was there for an autumn fashion shoot. The results can be enjoyed in this month's issue of "Cosmopolitan."

It's been a busy few months for HMS Talent. A successful training period and war patrol ended dramatically when the CO, Cdr Mark Anderson, broke his leg.

Talent returned to Devonport to land the casualty before making a surface transit to Hamburg under the command of executive officer, Lt Cdr Paul Abraham. He remained

in command until relieved by Cdr John Westbrooke late last month.

First British nuclear submarine to visit Hamburg for many years, Talent was not taken by surprise by the interest she attracted. As well as the Greenpeace activist who clambered on to her rudder, others sprayed anti-nuclear slogans on the casing.

The presence of activists in the water and chained to the berth delayed the submarine coming alongside, but once safely there Lt Cdr Abraham went on a PR counter offensive, giving a press conference on the jetty and allowing a press party to tour the boat.

This had its effect. Next day's newspapers either supported the visit or took a neutral stance.

There was nothing neutral, however, about the hospitality extended by local people — including U-boat old comrades — to the ship's company, and they rated the run ashore as one of the best they'd had.

## Splendid day out



AIR Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, was accompanied by Rear Admiral Roger Lane-Nott, Flag Officer Submarines, throughout a visit to HMS Splendid off Plymouth.

Welcomed on board by the boat's CO, Cdr Ken Clark, Sir John visited each mess and undertook a guided tour of the submarine. A demonstration of Splendid's combat system capability followed.

Operating against HMS Chatham for training purposes, HMS Splendid conducted several practice torpedo attacks on the frigate during the day.

Also on board that day were Commodores Rees Ward (DOR (Sea)) and John McNally (DNSD).

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## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

# Sailors help to keep sick kids smiling

### Can you spare the time?

LAST year the SSAFA and the Forces Help Society responded to more than 80,000 requests for help and its work load is still growing.

Both of the organisations urgently need volunteers to act as visitors, treasurers, fund raisers, trainers, publicists and organisers of local teams.

If you would like to help, write to Mrs Ann Needle at SSAFA/FHS, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP or telephone 0171 403 8783. Ask for extension 223.

FORTY naval personnel helped to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes possible for 29 disabled youngsters from Service families.

The volunteers teamed up with the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust on their tenth annual visit to the important religious site in France.

The children, with disabilities ranging from acute autism, deafness and Down's Syndrome, came from all over the UK and Ireland.

They visited the famous grotto of St Bernadette and bathed in the nearby springs where the water is believed to have miraculous healing qualities.

In their week-long stay, the group packed in two excursions into the mountains around Lourdes, a magic show, swimming, a candlelight procession, painting and drawing and a fancy dress party.

LNN Gerry Corcoran said that the trip was very rewarding for all the helpers and a great holiday for the children.

Service personnel who want to know more about the HCPT's plans for next year's trip should contact their local Chaplain.

THE CAPTAIN and Chaplain of HMS Excellent joined a team of cyclists on a ride from Canterbury to Whale Island to raise cash for a Sunshine Coach for children with special needs.

Capt Roger Parker, the Revd John Green, two of the Captain's staff and members of the training support team hoped to collect £2,500 for the appeal by Westfield School near Portsmouth.



GLORIOUS weather and impressive displays made Flag Officer Plymouth's last garden party for disabled people a great day for the 150 guests.

A battle was staged by the Medieval Society (left) and displays were put on by Plymouth's rescue helicopter, MOD police dogs and Royal Marines musicians.

HMS CHATHAM came to the rescue when plans for a round-Britain boat relay by the Foundation for Children with Leukemia when away.

Organisers of the "Voyage of Hope" turned to the Navy when the ship they had planned to use for the Dunbar to Hartlepool leg pulled out.

The Devonport-based Type 22 frigate carried the baton from Aberdeen and handed it over at sea off Hartlepool on its way back to its home port for summer leave.

FUND RAISERS at RN Air Station Culdrose handed over £1,000 to the maternity wing at Treliske Hospital to provide better facilities for bereaved parents.

The money came from the WO and CPO's mess and was presented to Sister Jill Griffiths by CPO Steve Bangay and his wife Sue, who suffered the loss of their first daughter Jessica.

Sister Griffiths is trying to raise £14,000 for improvements to Ward 15, the hospital's bereavement unit.

CLEARANCE divers from Plymouth ran from Devonport to Falmouth and back again to raise money for children with cerebral palsy.

The proceeds will pay for equipment and activities at the Trengwreath School, Plymouth, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

A CHARITY auction at HMS Collingwood raised £1,600 for the Winston Churchill Children's Ward at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Portsmouth footballer and Danish International Bjorn Kristensen was a guest auctioneer at the event which was organised by the weapon engineering special duty officers of course number 23.

WHEN Sea Training transferred from Portland to Plymouth four members of FOST's staff made the 116-mile trip by bicycle.

CPO Pete Connell, POCK Ozzie Stainforth, CK Chris Mead-Goddard and STD Johnny Potts aimed to raise £500 for the Alexandra House respite care centre at St Budeaux, Plymouth.

THE SHIP'S company of HMS Resolution were determined to help out when a school for children with cerebral palsy near Cumbernauld turned to them for assistance.

The Craighalbert Centre needed extra hands to landscape their garden, build a large shed and lay paving slabs to give free access to children in wheelchairs.

The team completed the work in 36 hours, saving a considerable amount of money which can now be spent on other much-needed equipment.

HMS DRAKE was the venue for a VE/VJ charity dance hosted by the Plymouth and South Cornwall branch of the Royal Naval Association.

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## Ice men melt hearts

MEN from the ice patrol ship HMS Endurance have been melting hearts at their chosen charity in Portsmouth.

A party from Endurance visited Portsmouth's Sarah Duffen Centre for children with Down's Syndrome where they met the youngsters and presented a cheque for £1,000.

Endurance's commander, Capt David Phillips, handed over the money to the centre's director, Professor Sue Buckley.

The cash was raised by Royal Marines who clocked up 100 miles on the ship's exercise machine during their last deployment.

Left: POCK Marlowe makes a friend at the Sarah Duffen Centre, HMS Endurance's chosen charity. Picture: Steve Wood

## Police prove their pulling power

PLYMOUTH'S police forces made a big splash when they teamed up to take part in a charity boat race.

The RN Provost from HMS Drake, MOD Police and officers from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary each provided two crews for the two-mile race down the Lyner and Tamar rivers to St Budeaux.

### Photo finish

The Devon and Cornwall force secured a controversial win with a finishing time of 30 minutes, with the Provosts in second place after a photo finish with the MOD.

The teams expect to collect up to £1,000 each for their chosen charities which include MENCAP, a police convalescent home and a centre for the deaf, dumb and blind.

Right: HMS Drake's Provost team psyching up before the big pull gets underway. Picture: HMS Drake Photographic



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## Fire dog Suki is spotted on duty

SPOTTY dog Suki is a big hit with the men of Camels Head Fire and Rescue Station, next door to Devonport Dockyard, and her adoption by them keeps alive a centuries-old tradition.

Suki belongs to CPO Paul Edis, public relations officer on board the Devonport-based Type 22 frigate HMS Brave, and he is allowing her to be used by the firemen at open days, parades and other public functions.

### Assurance

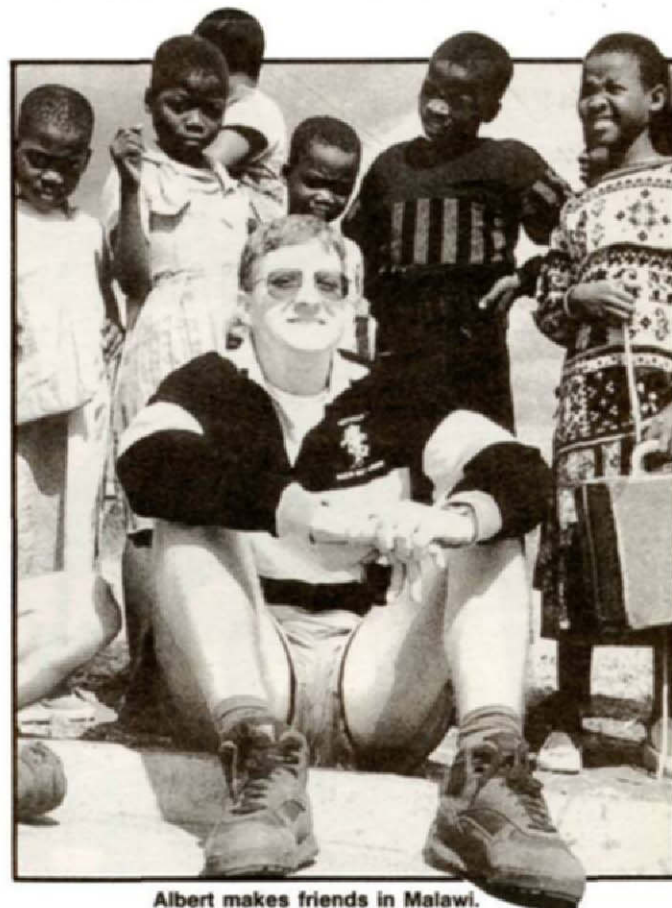
Back in times past firemen used dogs to sniff out fires and also to give assurance to the horses that pulled the fire carts. The Dalmatian was the preferred animal as it had been bred specifically to run between the wheels of carriages.

"I'm a great believer in not letting traditions die..." said Paul.

But he added, "I hope the day will never arise when I see Suki running ahead of one of today's engines to a fire in the ship!"



Station Officer Danny Kelly, CPO Paul Edis and Suki pose with some of the men of Camels Head fire station. Picture: LA(PHOT) Gary Hay



Albert makes friends in Malawi.

AMONG the personnel joining HMS Illustrious this month is LAEM Albert Hare, who has just completed a two-and-a-half year exchange with 7 Battalion REME.

His time with the Army took him from Detmold in Germany to a front line Lynx squadron in Northern Ireland and culminated in a month of adventure training in Malawi.

Activities undertaken included kayaking and hiking, plus rugby and watersports. Eight days were spent on a road clearance project for the Malawi Wildlife Society. Among the landmarks reached was an unmapped waterfall — now officially called Flaming Fire Falls in honour of Exercise Flaming Fire.

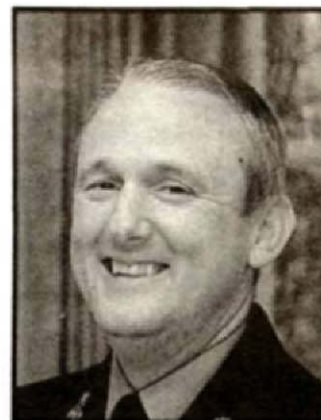
## FIRST FOR AN MOD GUARD

CIVILIAN Security Officer (Grade 5) Philip Grieves has become the first member of the Ministry of Defence Guard Service to have obtained the National Vocational Qualification Level 2 in security guarding.

The syllabus took him through a range of subjects, including maintaining the security of premises and apprehending suspects. Throughout, he was assessed by CSO3 Tony Martin and CSO4 John Baird.

An ex-CPO, Philip joined the MOD Guard Service in January 1994 and began the NVQ course the following September.

He works at Portsmouth Naval Base and was presented with his certificate by Flag Officer Portsmouth, Rear Admiral Neil Rankin.



CSO5 Philip Grieves

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## Three of a kind

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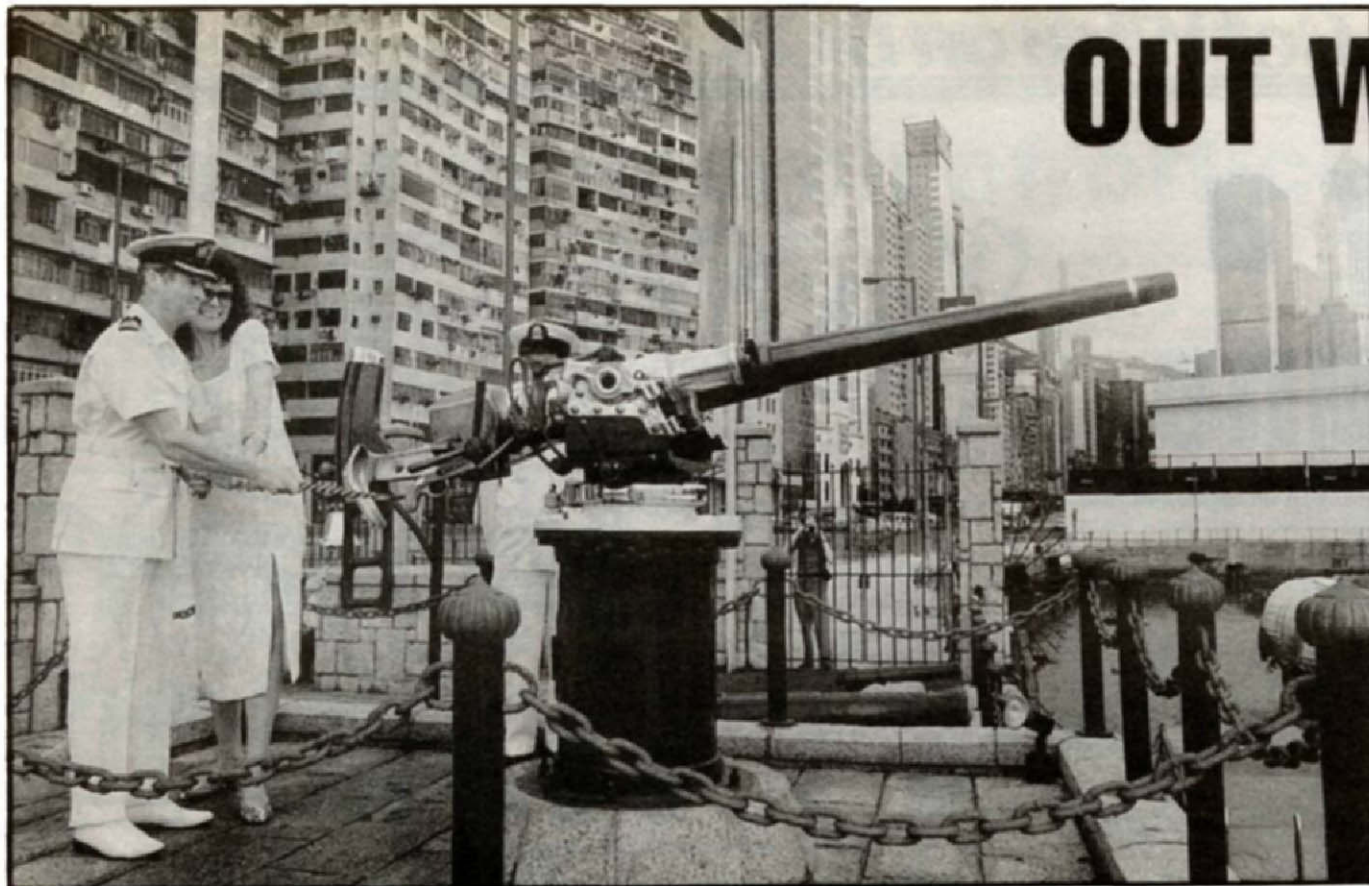
Meanwhile, on the other side of Scotland,

Clyde Submarine Base has lost one of its most familiar figures with the retirement of Lt Cdr Al Reay. Of his 42 years' service in the Royal Navy, 33 were spent at Faslane.

Al joined the Navy in 1953 as an artificer apprentice, served in destroyer and aircraft carriers until 1961 and then signed on for the submarine service. He arrived at Faslane for the first time in 1962, subsequently serving in Faslane-based submarines and ashore in the base.

Picture: CPO(PHOT) Nigel Gordon





## OUT WITH A BANG

ASSISTED by his wife, Lin, Cdr Berry Reeves, outgoing CO of HMS Tamar, fires Jardine Matheson's Noon-Day Gun prior to leaving Hong Kong.

The ceremony of firing the Noon-Day Gun goes back to the early days of the Colony when — it is alleged — a newly-arrived senior Naval officer heard Jardine Matheson's Taipan being greeted by a gun salute as he returned to Hong Kong in one of his company schooners. Incensed that a "mere merchant" should be ac-

cording a gun salute, the story goes, the company was thenceforth required to fire a gun at noon each day as a time signal for the colony.

The new — and last — CO of HMS Tamar is Cdr Ross Thoburn. He is the 25th to hold the appointment since Hong Kong's naval base took on the name Tamar after the Second World War.

## Passe-partout

FOR Lt Cdr Mike Cheshire, current commanding officer of Nelson's flagship, HMS Victory, there's triple reason to celebrate this summer. He and his daughters, Michelle and Charlotte, have all graduated.

Mike has been awarded a BSc by the Open University and Charlotte a BA by the University of Mid Glamorgan. Michelle, a staff nurse at a Portsmouth hospital, has completed a diploma course in nursing studies.

Not content with their achievements so far, Mike is about to embark on a Master's degree and Michelle on a BA. Meanwhile, wife and Mum to the family, Wendy, is underway with an MSc in health studies at Southampton University.

## Jack reaches his century

MANY happy returns of the day to ex-Stoker Jack Cotterell, who celebrated his 100th birthday on August 15.



Mr Jack Cotterell

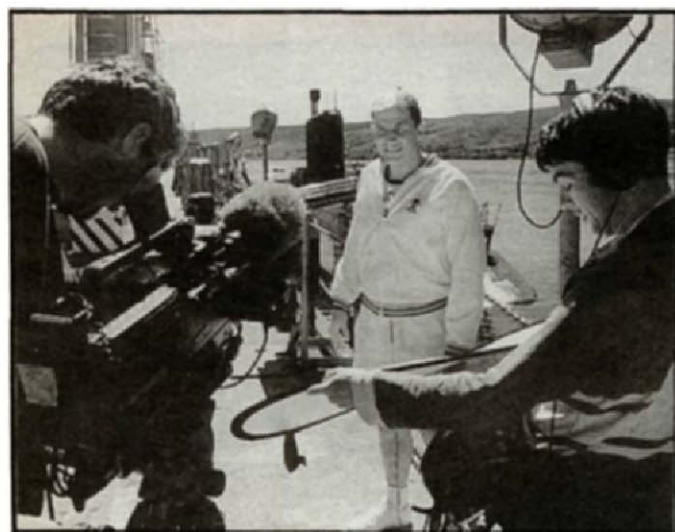
Jack, who was born in Pontypool and joined the Royal Navy in 1912, was serving in the light cruiser HMS Gloucester at the Battle of Jutland.

Earlier, he had been in the new battleship, HMS Centurion, during her steam trials. This vessel was destined to be sunk as a breakwater at Arromanches in 1944.

### Staying on

"I stayed on in the Navy until 1924 and then left with a gratuity of £100, not bad in those days, plus five shillings per day for signing on for another five years on the Reserve.

"I'd seen the big times and now I just wanted to be at home with my wife," Jack recalled to his colleague in the Royal British Legion's Wrenbury and District Branch, Mr J.R. Pound.



## THE LIFE OF BRIAN

NEVER the most retiring members of the Senior Service, representatives of the physical training branch are often naturals in front of the TV cameras.

Here we have a case in point — CPOPT Brian Richardson looking relaxed as he films his introduction for the popular Gladiators programme. Clyde Submarine Base, where Brian works, and HMS Sceptre can be seen in the background.

The hugely popular Gladiators show pits the ultra fit against one another. Last year Brian was a standby contestant, ready in case a player was forced to pull out, but this year he will definitely take part. The programme will be transmitted in the autumn.

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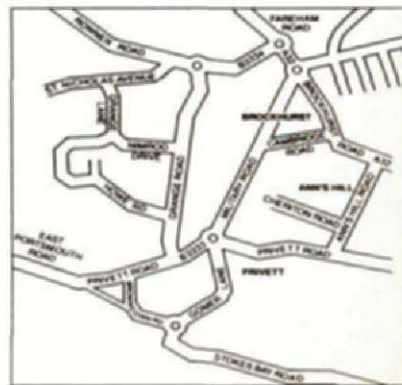
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# DQs to play a different tune

The Royal Naval Detention Quarters (RNDQs) at Portsmouth close this month, all personnel under sentence transferring to the Military Corrective Training Centre at Colchester.

## Redundancy money may be refunded

UNDER the Armed Forces Redundancy Scheme anyone who receives a Special Capital Payment and within two years takes up a post reserved for Retired Officers has to repay part of it.

With the increased use of fixed term appointments the rules have now been changed to allow refunds of part of the repaid SCP to those who left the Navy on or after 1 April 1992.

Refunds will be payable to those who for non-disciplinary reasons fail their probationary period and to those whose appointment does not last beyond three years.

No refund will be payable to anyone who leaves at his own request or in case of death in service when a gratuity is payable — or to anyone who leaves the appointment after age 55.

DCI Gen 191/95

It marks the end of an era in RN-administered punishment — though the training at Colchester will be similar to that conducted at Portsmouth and the existing complement of RN staff there will be increased.

Administrative support for those sentenced to detention will continue to be provided by the Captain, HMS Nelson and the staff of the Naval Provost Marshal will be increased to provide a travelling escort and extra transport to convey offenders to MCTC.

As soon as an offender has been sentenced to detention, NPM Portsmouth should be informed and will then make any arrangements required with MCTC for transfer.

The RNDQs site, originally built as an Army Garrison Prison in 1847 and handed over to the Navy in 1911, will revert to HMS Nelson for use after conversion by the Royal Marines School of Music.

DCI RN 146/95

## Doctrine at Dryad

A ROYAL NAVAL Doctrine Cell has been formed at the Maritime Tactical School, HMS Dryad.

It will provide the RN contribution to the development of joint as well as multi-national doctrine, edit 'The Fighting Instructions' and ensure commonality in the education of maritime doctrine in RN and joint training establishments.

It will also liaise with the Army so that the Royal Marines are informed of Army doctrinal developments.

DCI Gen 185/95



"Says he hopes the Royals' Jail House Rock is better than ours ...!"

## Sea change at the top

CHANGES in UK Sea Area Command responsibilities — some of which come into effect this month — are outlined following the decision to abolish the Area Flag Officers posts by 31 March 1996.

In the future it is intended that C-in-C Fleet should be the Sea Area Commander throughout the waters around the UK, only delegating operational control of Fleet units to local commanders where there is a particular need to do so.

SAC responsibilities of CBF Gibraltar, CBF Hong Kong and CBF Falkland Islands are unaffected.

DCI Gen 209/95

## Expenses paid

WORLD Challenge, a company operating leadership courses and expeditions for schools and colleges, invites officers and senior rates to act as expedition leaders on an expenses paid basis.

Most expeditions are a month long in July and August

and next year's programme includes Borneo, India, Vietnam and several locations in South America and Africa.

DCI JS 66/95

## Logistical progression

SINCE the Institute of Logistics was formed in 1993 over 230 Service personnel have become members.

Details of qualifications required for the categories of membership and their respective fees are given.

DCI Gen 194/95

## Salvage award

AN AWARD for salvage services to MV Astro Coach by HMS Trumpeter, RNAS Capable and the Defence Fire Service Gibraltar on 4 August 1991 is ready for distribution.

The value of each share is: HMS Trumpeter, £27.09; RNAS Capable, £85.40; DFS, £102.42.

Payment will be made through individuals' pay accounts without reference to the ships and units concerned.

Announcement under DCI RN 152/95.

## Uniform change

A NEW white bush jacket for male Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Rates has been introduced.

It is identical to the existing Officers pattern, except that it has modified shoulder flaps to allow either shoulder straps or badges to be worn.

DCI RN 158/95

## Journal 1st

WINNER of the Commander-in-Chief Fleet's Journal Prize, awarded to encourage improvement in the standard of written work presented by Young Officers, this year goes to S/Lt D.J.M. Doull at RNC Greenwich who receives £100 and two years membership of the Naval Review.

Runners up are Lt S.V. Kerr (HMS Battleaxe) and S/Lt J.P. Burvill (RNC Greenwich).

DCI RN 147/95

## Blood money

THE 1995 Ruth Carter Prize for Nurses has been awarded to LNN N.S. Howling for her research into Blood Glucose Monitoring of the Diabetic Patient.


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**Festive role for Quorn**

AT THE END of her secondment to the Fisheries Protection Squadron HMS Quorn acted as guardship to the annual Brixham Trawler Race and Fish Festival.

She embarked nearly 50 visitors including the Lady Mayor of Torbay to watch the race — which proved as big a draw as ever with most of the Brixham fleet taking part as well as visitors from other British ports and from Holland.

Last month she was back in Rosyth for conversion back to mine countermeasures duties before making her base port move to Portsmouth in November.



# Going Outside

## Angels in search of office types

NAVAL personnel who are going outside are being head hunted by an agency keen to provide suitable and able office staff for a wide range of businesses.

Office Angels offer a job-matching service without charge to the job seekers. "Service people are smart, efficient, punctual, and have organisational skills — all of which makes them attrac-

tive to employers," said Sally Haines, Office Angels career consultant in their Portsmouth office, one of more than 50 nationwide.

"We match the skills of a prospective employee with the needs of the employer, and will help Service job seekers to adapt their CVs to civilian needs." The agency pre-interviews job seekers, spending up to 45 minutes with each

person to acquire a job-match profile. Thirty per cent of their applicants are male.

"Our applicants' skills are tested to ensure they match their CVs, and if necessary we can put them in touch with organisations that can enhance their training."

With an extensive client base, Office Angels pride themselves in being able to

match job seekers with jobs in as little as a day. "We are in constant touch with the personnel departments of hundreds of companies and our message to Service people is: Let us do the job searching for you."

The skills being sought by the agency range from clerical to systems management, from messengers to PA secretaries. Office Angels' Portsmouth office can be reached on 01705 877799.

## Fortune told by a chip

AS FLEET Communications Officer, Cdr Peter When created the Navy's computer-based Recognised Maritime Picture which earned him one of the five largest ex-gratia awards for an invention ever made to a member of the Armed Forces.

Now, with official encouragement, he has launched a private financial service, initially for officers, to help them plan as far ahead as age 65.

Cdr When took years to gather the financial data and 2,000 hours to write the computer programme. It contains algorithms — mathematical computations — which emulate those used by HMS Centurion, the Inland Revenue and the Stock Market.

More details are available from Cdr When, The Manor House, Greinton, Somerset TA7 9BW.

## VACANCIES ROUND-UP

AMONG job vacancies of which the Services Employment Network is aware are the following:

**BRS Task Force** seeks 600 heavy goods vehicle drivers for articulated and non-articulated lorries.

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## Prospects for jobs 'best for 7 years'

A STEADY increase in the number of employers seeking Service leavers is reported by the Services Employment Network, and the organisation's Skillbank computerised system, is now matching about 16,000 jobs a year.

"The job situation is better today than at any time since 1988," said Cdr Michael Maddox, the SEN's senior employment liaison officer. "However, the demand is for specific skills."

"Employers seek a minimum-risk, minimum-cost solution to their recruitment problems, and Service leavers must be prepared to undergo extra training to translate their Service skills to meet employers' needs."

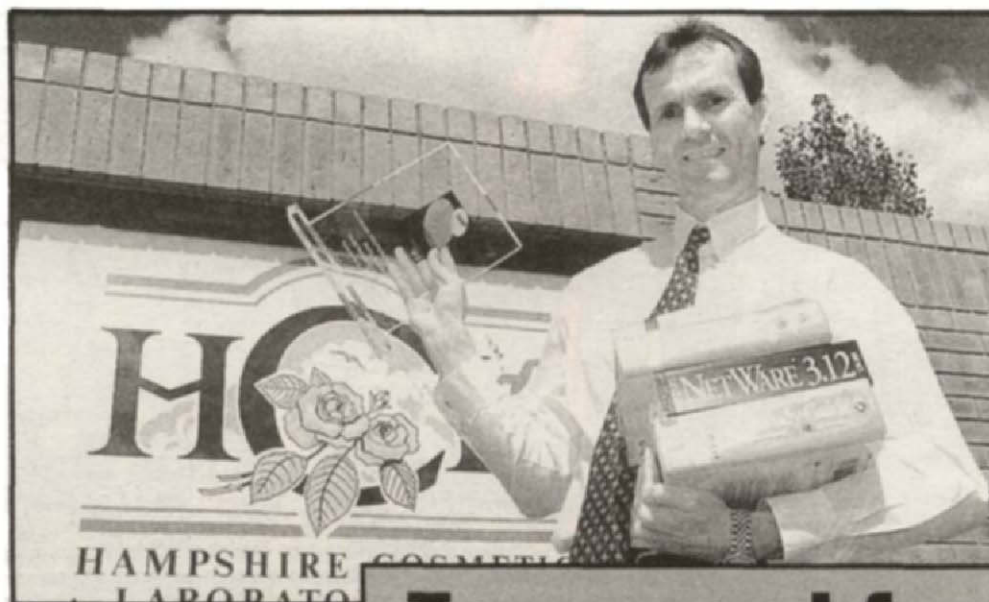
He told Navy News that every leaver has the potential to secure satisfying employment, but early appraisal, early research and systematic job

searching, using all the help provided, were vital.

"The Services remain one of the best places to develop skills and experience for a second career. The advice is: Do not go for premature voluntary release, and plan ahead with confidence."

The SEN recommends that personnel who need to acquire new skills or to adapt their skill to a civilian job should make early contact with their local Training and Enterprise Council.

They are also advised to take full advantage of all the help on offer from the Ministry of Defence Tri-Service Resettlement Organisation "the TEC" and the Employment Service.



FROM PO stoker to being recognised as one of the top computer systems manager, all within two years — that's Paul Keenan's experience of going outside.

Paul (38), pictured with his national award as Network Professional of the Year, has developed a system strategy that contributes directly to winning and retaining customers for his employers, Hampshire Cosmetics.

The IBM-sponsored competition, in which many blue-chip corporates took part, recognises that although Paul may not be handling the largest data network in Britain, "the intricacies of planning and implementation are no less complex and demanding".

Paul Keenan's interest in computers began in earnest during the latter years of his naval career. Based in Hong

## Top award for ex-PO Paul

Kong for two years, he found that everyone there used computers and had access to unlimited software.

"I thought I would just join the club," he told Navy News. "I taught myself how to use computers. Then one day the Captain's computer crashed. I was able to repair it for him and recover most of his lost files."

For that, he was sent for his last draft to HMS Collingwood to work with OASIS, the computerised ship supply system, and had the opportunity to take a course on the Navy's Engineering Administration System.

After 20 years in the Navy, Paul left barely two years ago and took courses to add credibility to his CV.

"I volunteered to work for a short period for nothing to obtain commercial exposure. I was a POMEM(L) within the Service and therefore had no network management experience."

Even so, he was unemployed for only two weeks and now sees his award as a good reflection on the qualities that ex-Service people are able to bring to the work place — "honesty, integrity, hard work and calm in the face of crises."



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"I bet their skipper finds plenty of dust on rounds now this volcano's popped its cork!"

## NEWSVIEW

### Two parts of a picture

"I was there for you" — it's a phrase frequently employed in TV social dramas, usually delivered by parents accused of ignoring the problems of their offspring.

For all the thousands of veterans celebrating the anniversary of VJ Day last month it meant something else. "There" was the other side of the world, sometimes denoting years of captivity in conditions of unimaginable privation. And the "you" in most cases referred to a yet unborn generation.

Some of those veterans, to judge by our mailbag lately, feel sadly let down by their descendants, as portrayed in the BBC documentary series that followed HMS Brilliant around the Adriatic last autumn.

Most of the criticism seems to be directed against the highly individual shore-going rig affected by certain of the said ship's company.

Well, if the clothes that maketh the man — and also woman — in today's off-duty Navy offend, they do no more than match the sartorial brio that sets the young nightclub scene in any city centre in Europe.

And since most of the Navy — as ever — are young people, why should their glad rags wardrobe be any different from that of their contemporaries?

The Navy cannot expect to be unrepresentative of the society from which its recruits are drawn — and so 'HMS Brilliant' does in part show a true picture, one more open and honest than even 'Sailor' did in the 1970s, when it set the benchmark for "fly-on-the-wall" Service documentaries.

#### Photogenic

But only part of one. Life in the steadily lengthening deployments currently engaged in by HM ships consists, as it ever did, of long periods of routine, exercises and occasional operations marked by frantic activity. And like everybody else these days we have more work to spread around fewer people.

The Navy has always worked hard and played hard — and if the makers of 'HMS Brilliant' found the play more photogenic than the work and devoted a disproportionate amount of footage to the former, then that's the price you pay for allowing them a free hand.

On the other side of the coin, just at this moment the people of the island of Montserrat are very happy that the Navy is "being there" for them.

In recent weeks our sailors and Royal Marines have helped build a tent city with field kitchens and medical facilities and assisted in the evacuation of 5,000 inhabitants threatened by volcanic eruption.

And if any of them had done the job decked out in a tutu and tights he would have deservedly been awarded three cheers by one and all.

## UNDER THE VOLCANO

● From page one

It was on 18 July that HMS Southampton, the current West Indies Guardship, had the first indication of trouble brewing with a signal that simply warned that the volcano was rumbling and to await further developments.

A formal request from the Governor for assistance soon followed and the ship's disaster relief organisation swung into action.

Her Lynx helicopter immediately began an aerial survey of the affected area — the first of over 100 sorties conducted to date, checking levels of sulphur dioxide gas emissions for scientists monitoring the eruption.

The ship's doctor, Surg Lt Rory Rickard and his team helped assess shoreside medical facilities and set up a field hospital while an engineering team led by Lt Cdr Ian Shipperley serviced the island's emergency generator and repaired the automatic gearbox of its fire engine.

Several beaches were surveyed to provide detailed information for evacuation plans.

A military advice team to the Governor was set up with Southampton's Principal Warfare Officer, Lt Cdr Guy Haywood, based ashore to act as RN liaison officer.

#### Diverted

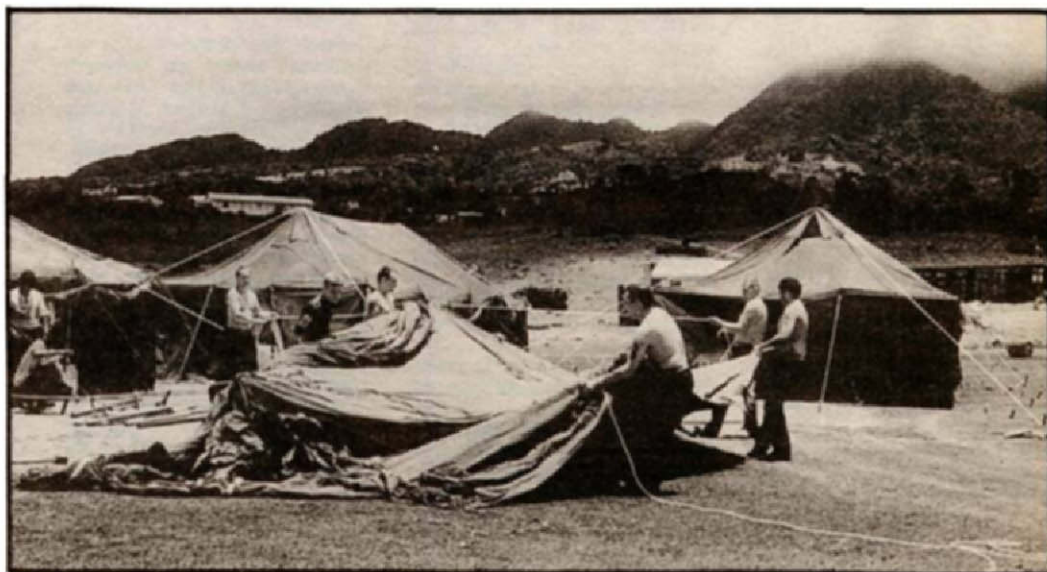
All this was done before the ship had to sail for Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for a double engine change, a helicopter rotor replacement — and a change of command, with Cdr Keith Winstanley taking over from Cdr Tim Forster.

HMS Westminster, en route for Falklands deployment, was diverted and stood in for the five days that Southampton was out of circulation.

Her own Lynx helicopter carried out 27 sorties over the volcano, monitoring the activity of its main vents, while her ship's divers surveyed two bays in the northwest of the island as potential evacuation areas.

She was released from 'Operation Harlech' on 17 August and picked up her previous programme with a five day visit to Rio de Janeiro.

Meanwhile a party of Royal Marines from 42 Cdo led by Capt Paul Mansell arrived to provide a more permanent pres-



● EVACUATION: sailors from HMS Southampton prepare a tent city as clouds of volcanic ash spread over Montserrat.

ence ashore and aid the civilian authorities. Forty more were later flown out from RAF Lyneham.

The Southampton's flight, now based ashore with her maintenance crew working all hours to keep the aircraft operational, continued its missions — watching for the formation of a lava dome which might be the precursor to a major eruption.

Governor Savage paid tribute to the Lynx flights of both Southampton and Westminster. Work done by flight commanders Lt Brian Marsh and Lt Daryl Adamson with their respective pilots Lt Rick Anderson and Lt Andy Welch had been "absolutely invaluable".

Aerial video footage taken by CPO(Phot) Stuart Antrobus of the Director of Public Relations (Navy) staff was pored over in close detail by the scientists from the Caribbean Seismic Research Centre in Trinidad.

VJ Day saw Southampton's guard and Marine Detachment take part in the Montserrat parade and wreath laying ceremony. Then, just two minutes after the ship had left Plymouth jetty for a delayed visit to Barbados, a huge cloud of dense smoke and ash erupted from the volcano and drifted downwind over the town.

Southampton turned back to provide immediate aid, landing personnel before establishing a patrol line south of the island. "Visibility was down to a few feet — but we were quickly in a

position to inform the Governor that there was no lava activity behind the cloud," Cdr Winstanley later told Navy News. But the consensus was that the possibility of a major eruption had increased and could occur at less than six hours notice.

Major Steven Bruce, RM, military adviser to the Governor, said the Marines from 42 Cdo had been sworn in as special constables and were marshalling evacuees and providing a back-up communications system.

They were also working at an observation post set up on the volcano with the Montserrat Defence Force to check on the possible emergence of magma.

HMS Southampton and her supporting tanker RFA Oakleaf

carry specialist stores including medical supplies in the event of disaster relief operations.

Six years ago Hurricane Hugo caused immense damage in Montserrat and the Navy provided assistance to the devastated island.

Because of the need to stand by within easy reach, HMS Southampton also had to forgo a visit to Mayport, Florida, planned for maintenance and repairs, where many of the ship's company had hoped to meet wives and girlfriends for a mid-deployment break.

● Reports from David Healy, Deputy Fleet Public Relations Officer, and from HMS Southampton and HMS Westminster.

## PRESS BRIEFING

STORIES which appeared in the national newspapers during August included the following:

**THE MINISTRY of Defence** was said to be negotiating with Portugal and Chile over the sale of the four Upholder Class submarines taken out of service under the Options for Change cuts.

As temperatures soared last month members of the Naval and Military Club got hot under the collar — and rules on dress

were relaxed for the first time ever to allow them to shed their jackets when seated in the courtyard.

After a clinical assessment of medical checks on 200 Gulf War veterans completed by the MOD, the Royal College of Physicians concluded there was no single cause for the variety of illnesses suffered by those examined — but backed further investigation into the so-called Gulf War syndrome.

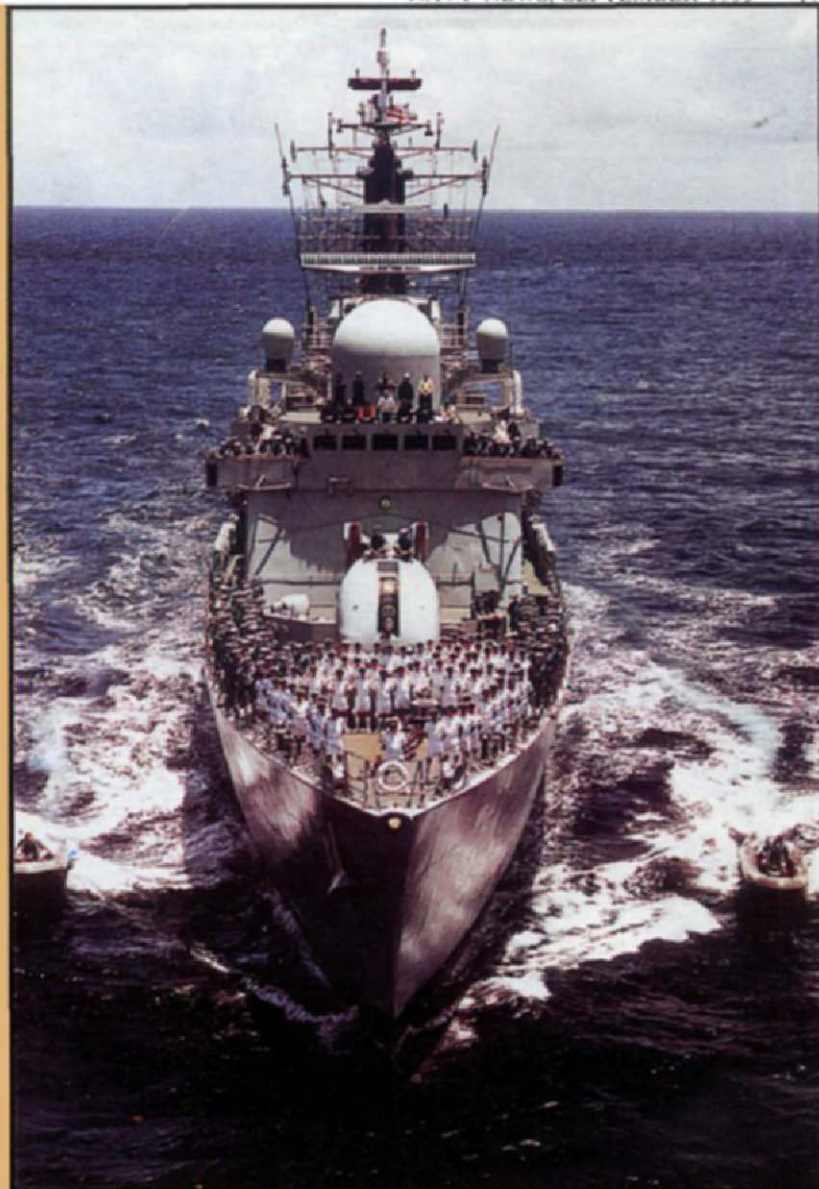




Above: HMS Southampton's Colour Party led the Queen's Birthday Parade in Anguilla.

Top right: Hands to bathe. Members of HMS Southampton's flight test the Caribbean. Clockwise from front they are AEM Stewart, LAEM Tom Clark, CPOAEA Pete Matthews and AEA Tom Mortimer.

Pictures: LA(Phot) Chris Brick and PO John Currie.



Above: As HMS Southampton steamed across the Caribbean her ship's company assembled for a souvenir photograph. The Type 42 destroyer is flanked by rigid inflatable craft, useful for many WIGS tasks.

Bottom left: Hamming it up on Rose Roads beach, Anguilla, are the men of Southampton's Guard — OM Chef Wilkinson, OM Kelly, LS Shady Lane, AB Buster Brown and OM Stan Matthew.

# FROM MAY TO DECEMBER

IT MIGHT be a long, long time from May to December but over that period HMS Southampton is being kept busy in the role of West Indies Guardship, operating in the Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and the North Atlantic Ocean, and most recently monitoring volcanic activity in Montserrat. (See page one.)

For the first two months of the deployment she was accompanied by the tanker RFA Gold Rover, but she is now being supported by the stores ship RFA Oakleaf.

HMS Southampton's WIGS duties include maintaining contact with the British dependent territories of Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos. Where appropriate she will co-operate with their armed forces, police and coastguards, helping with training and surveillance operations.

Other WIGS tasks include assisting United States counter-narcotics authorities. The ship lends her support to the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force (East) and Coastguard District 7 for counter-narcotics operations in the Caribbean region.

The WIGS deployment assures the offer of disaster relief stores and help to the British Dependent Territories and Commonwealth countries in the event of disaster and is on hand to support British foreign policy in the region. Another task is maintaining contact with the Regional Security System during Antilles Patrol, here again co-operating with the islands' military, police and coastguard authorities.

HMS Southampton was in Montserrat earlier in the deployment for the Queen's Birthday Parade. The Type 42 destroyer was open for viewing on one day of the

visit and she received a great deal of interest.

Members of the ship's company — which numbers 21 officers and 260 ratings — improved the environment of the Plymouth foreshore by cutting up an old wreck lying there with the aid of oxy-acetylene burners.

Next stop was Anguilla. The ship anchored in Roads Bay. Her visit was timed to coincide with the island's annual Queen's Birthday celebrations and she took an active part in them.

## Governor

An official reception was held on board on the Sunday and the following day the ship's Guard and Colour Party led the Queen's Birthday Parade. Members of the ship's company also attended the annual Governor's Reception.

Again there was work to do. Assistance and expertise were provided for the island in the form of fire-fighting training for the

emergency services and for the crew of the police launch Dolphin. There was advice on aspects of first aid for both Dolphin's crew and local ambulance personnel.

Southampton also provided the technical expertise to fit a radio headphone link to Dolphin, while other members of the ship's company surveyed a sunken fishing vessel in Roads Harbour and carried out an off-shore helicopter survey.

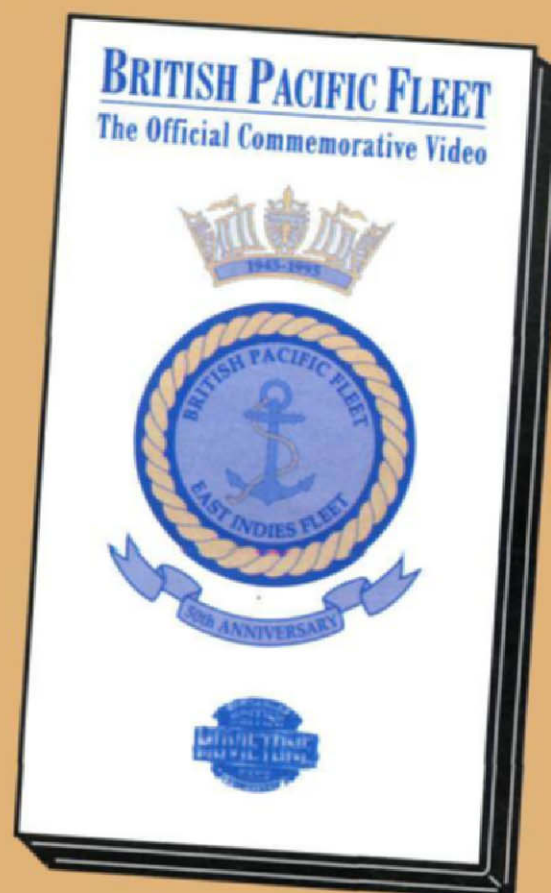
Off Vieques Island, a United States Navy gunfire support range, HMS Southampton took part in Exercise Burmese Chase with USS Connolly, an Arley Burke-class destroyer.

The ship's 4.5ins Mark 8 gun and crew performed magnificently. Over 200 rounds were fired without a stoppage in six hours and some impressive results were scored on the range.



Yes, it does rain in the West Indies, as the men lowering HMS Southampton's flight deck nets can attest.

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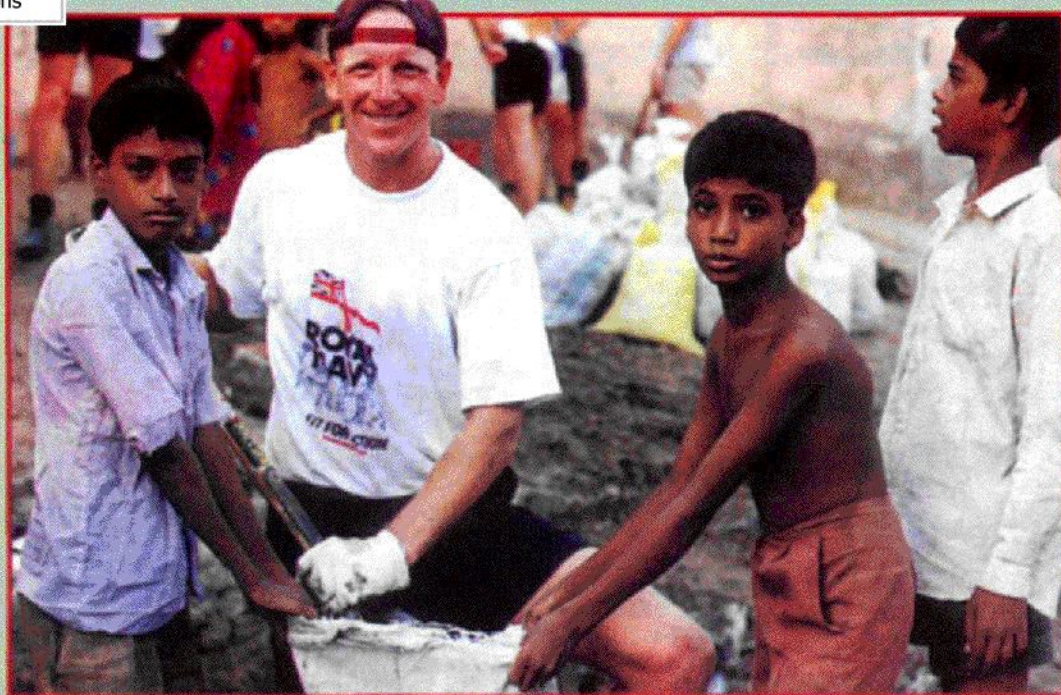
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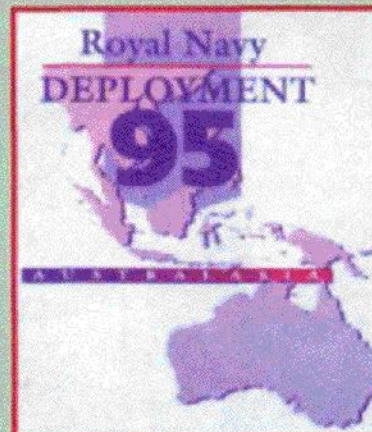
Mucking in: 30 sailors from HMS Sheffield joined Australian aid workers and local people to clear the Mambalam sewerage canal in Madras, India, on the first leg of her voyage.

# Austral

FRIENDLY navies from far flung countries throughout the southern hemisphere are getting to know the Royal Navy better with the deployment of three ships on Australasia '95.

West Indies guardship HMS Monmouth and Armilla patroller HMS Sheffield steamed from separate sides of the globe to meet up down under with RFA Brambleleaf in support.

On their respective travels the ships reached the shores of India, Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Western Samoa and the Solomon Islands and took part in exercise Kangaroo with the Australian Navy and exercise Starfish with the navies and air forces of Singapore and Malaysia.



Landmark: HMS Monmouth

## New Zealand

HMS Monmouth became the first RN ship to visit New Zealand since 1983 when she visited Wellington under the flag of the Commander UK Task Group accompanied by Brambleleaf.

The visit marks the shift in policy as RN ships no longer routinely carry nuclear weapons. New Zealand Prime Minister John Bolger and Commodore Leonard, Maritime Commander New Zealand, were among the VIPs to visit the ship.

The ship hosted a Defence Industry Day which included eight UK companies, and held sea days at Wellington and Auckland with joint RN/RNZN exercises.

## Fiji

Next, the Type 23 frigate sailed for Suva in Fiji where she held a wreath laying ceremony for troops killed in World War II. The country's President, Sir Kamisese Mara came on board for lunch and inspected an honour guard, and the ship held a party for 20 handicapped children.

The Fijian Defence Force challenged Monmouth to a game of Rugby, but with four internationals fresh from the World Cup the Fijian victory was predictable.

On passage from Tonga to Western Samoa, Monmouth passed a new island which is being produced by an undersea volcano. A suggestion that the ship should send a landing party to claim the island was ruled out when it was realised that the only safe and correct rig would be fearnaught suits and caps!

## Solomon Islands

In the Solomon Islands the ship's company helped to decorate a children's ward in a Honiara hospital and visited WWII battlefields which saw vicious hand-to-hand fighting between the Americans and Japanese.

## Sydney

In Sydney, Monmouth put in for a two-week maintenance

period and undertook major work. In Brisbane Monmouth (plus HMS Victory in the Pacific command) visited Townsville and Cairns. About 40 of the ship's company families out to Australia with Reef.

HMS Sheffield's voyage to the eventful. The first leg of the voyage where a team of Australians improve sanitation in the (city).

They needed help and 300 volunteers to dredge the (city) clogged with some very (city).

Sheffield's doctor, Surgeon, the help of a skeleton nurse's access to medical services is extremely limited.

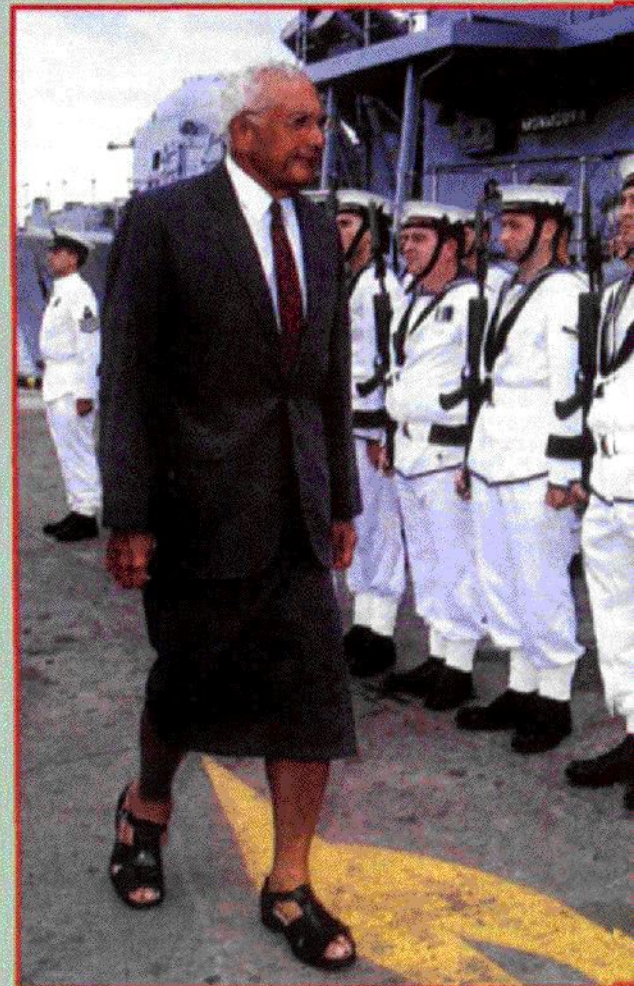
While in Madras the ship's volleyball with the Royal (city) with "mixed success but (city).



All ears: Monmouth's CO, Cdr Alan Richards briefs Commodore John Leonard, Maritime Commander New Zealand, who took a special interest in Monmouth's Lynx capability.



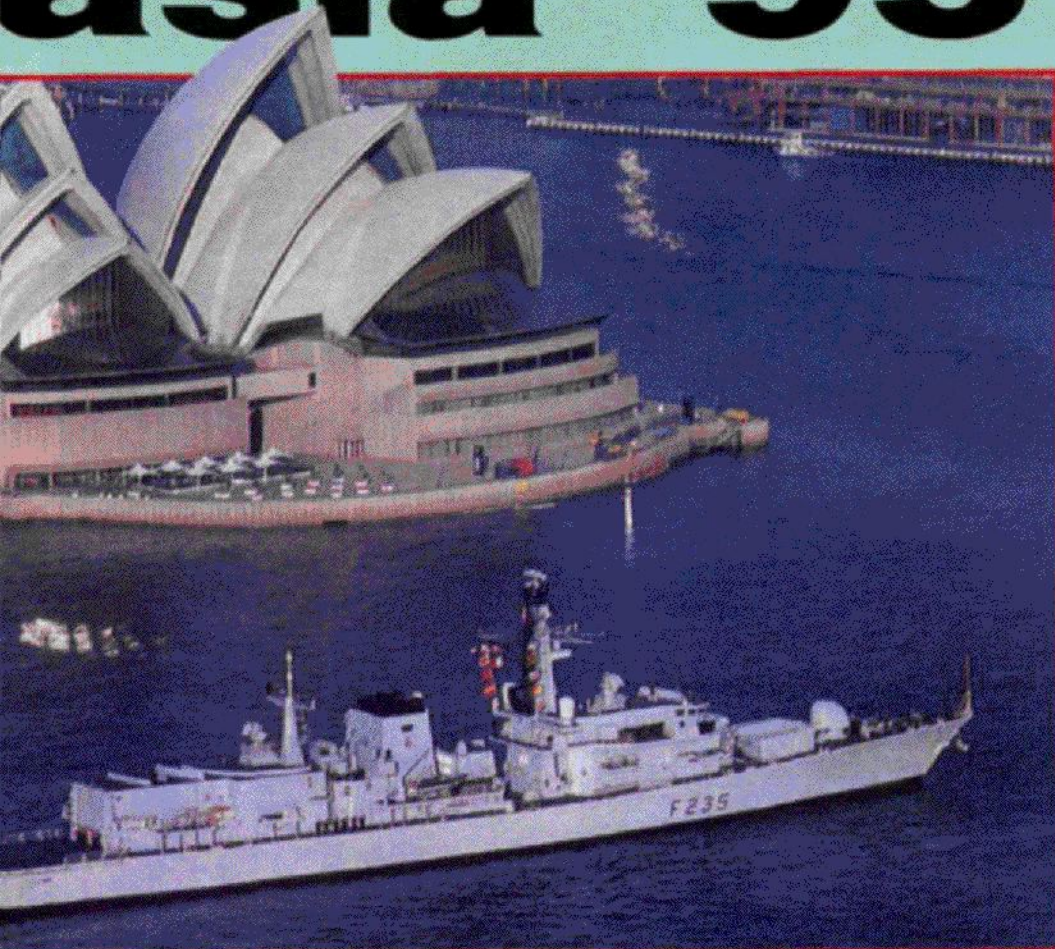
HMS Monmouth on exercise with HMNZS Wellington (ex HMS Bacchante) and RFA Brambleleaf.



Honoured guest: the President of Fiji, Sir Kamisese Mara, in (city).



# Asia '95



cruises past the unmistakable Opera House in Sydney Harbour.

work on two diesel generators, and painted the ship. She played a high profile role in Australia's commemorations before moving on to

company flew wives, girlfriends and most taking a trip to the Great Barrier

## India

from the Arabian Gulf proved no less a journey took her to Madras in India and workers were working to

members of the ship's company ambalamb sewerage canal which was a favour refuse.

Gary Matthews, ran a clinic with staff, treating local people whose would otherwise have been

company competed at sailing and Mrs Yacht Club and the Indian navy versal enjoyment."



fects the guard on HMS Monmouth.

## Equator

Heading south, Sheffield 'crossed the line' and held the traditional court of King Neptune for those sailors who were going over the equator for the first time.

The unusually high number, 120, included the Commanding Officer Cdr Simon Gillespie, who after paying due homage to King Neptune, was dealt with "in a firm but fair manner." The remainder of the uninitiated were then sent to the surgeon, barber and finally the bears.

## New Guinea

The Type 22 frigate received a rapturous welcome at Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea. She was the first British warship to visit since 1988 and she put in to take part in WWII remembrance services with Australian and Papua Defence Force platoons.

Monmouth, Sheffield and Brambleleaf were reunited for exercise Kangaroo with the Australian navy before heading for Singapore for their VJ day commemorations. The ships are taking part in the combined services exercise 'Starfish', involving the RN and navies of Singapore and Malaysia, marking the end of Australasia '95.

Monmouth and Sheffield are due back in the UK in November while Brambleleaf returns to Armilla Patrol duty in the Gulf.



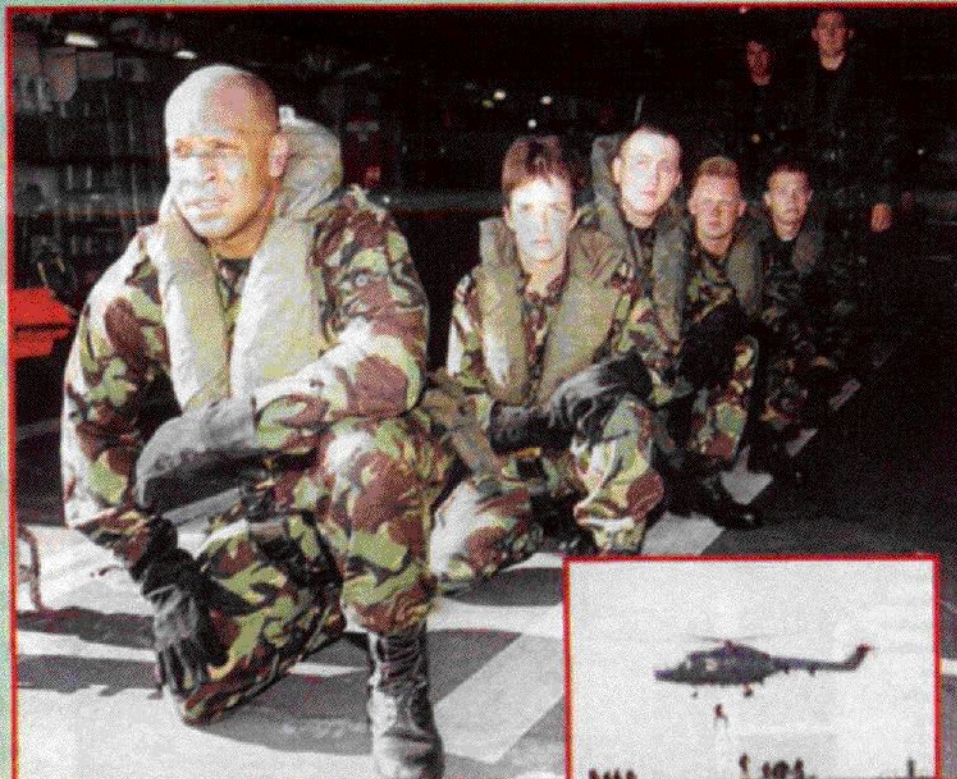
Remembrance: the captains of RFA Brambleleaf and HMS Sheffield at the memorial ceremony in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.



HMS Sheffield (centre) exercises with Thai frigates Chao Phraya and Saliburi (top).

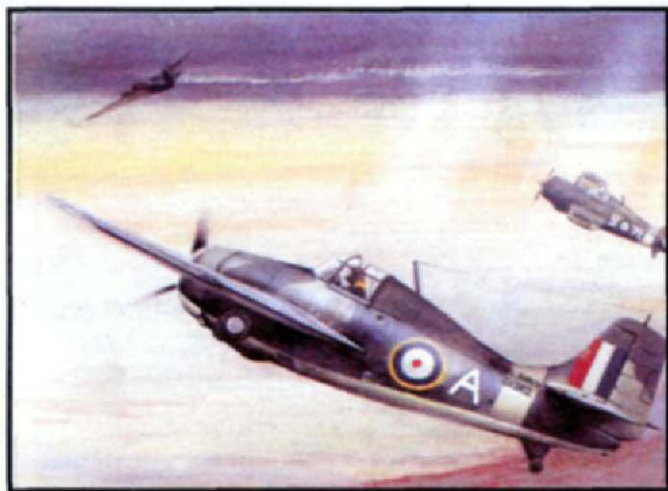


Crossing the line: Another victim from HMS Sheffield stands trial in the Court of King Neptune, an ordeal reserved for sailors bisecting the equator for the first time.



HMS Sheffield's Lt Sue Moore (second left) became the first female officer to conduct a live boarding in the Gulf while enforcing the UN sanctions against Iraq. Sue led ten members of the boarding party, fast roping from the ship's Lynx helicopter onto the deck of a Norwegian bulk carrier departing Iraqi waters (inset). The team secured the bridge and crewroom and carried out a detailed search. Everything was in order and the Norwegian master of the PROBO Bangor gave permission for Sheffield's helicopter to land on before making way.





THE "Flying Cat" (below), the Consolidated PBY Catalina was probably the most versatile and successful flying boat/amphibian ever built. The aeroplane and its deployment worldwide are examined in Andrew Hendrie's *Flying Cats — The Catalina Aircraft in World War II*, published by AirLife Publishing, Shrewsbury at £16.95.

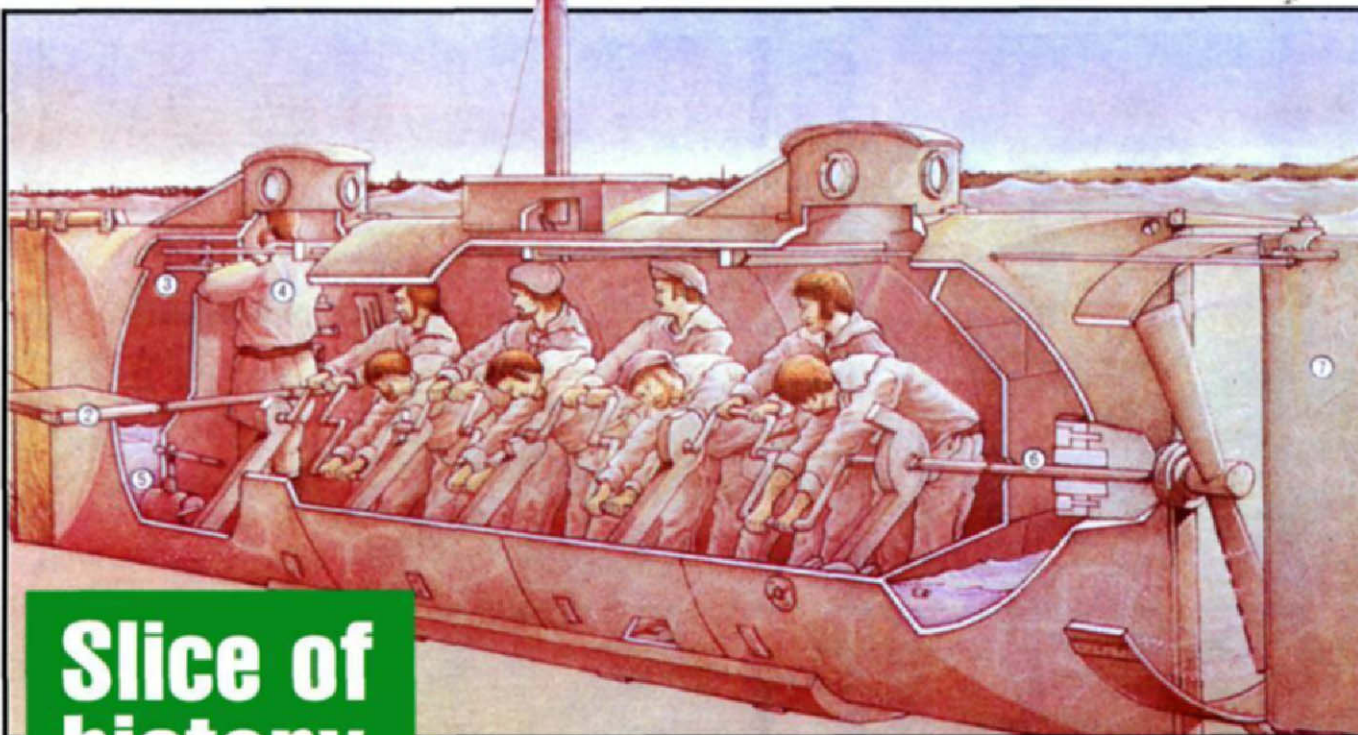
Meanwhile, Air-Britain has published a companion work to "Squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm". *Fleet Air Arm Aircraft 1939 to 1945* (cover detail above), by Ray Sturtivant and Mick Burrow, is the first comprehensive listing ever undertaken of the aircraft flown by the Royal Navy in the Second World War. It is priced £36—£24 to Air-Britain members and members of the Fleet Air Arm and naval aviation associations. Tel: 01799 586323.



## Slice of history

ON FEBRUARY 17, 1864 the USS Housatonic was the first ship to be sunk by a submarine — the Confederate "David," CSS H.L. Hunley, itself lost with all hands after being swamped by the explosion from its spar torpedo.

As reported in June, divers have discovered the wreck of the Hunley off Charleston, South Carolina. The cutaway artist's impression of the vessel, showing the eight-man crew manually turning the propeller shaft, is taken from *Submarines and Ships* (Hamlyn £8.99) by Richard Humble, one of the children's "See Through History" series.



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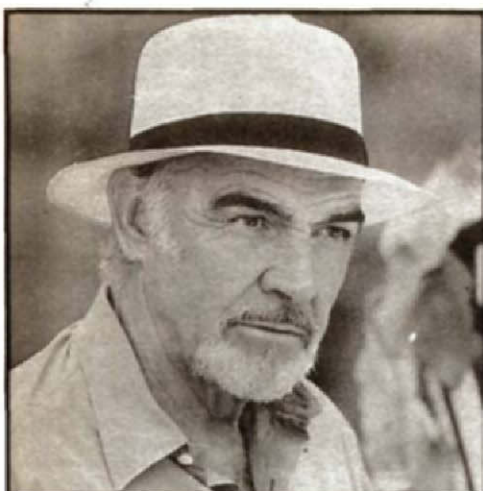
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## At Your Leisure



Sean Connery stars as Paul Armstrong in Warner Brothers' thriller "Just Cause."

## REDNECKS AND REDCOATS

WE FIND ourselves, in *Just Cause*, deep in the steamy Everglades, where ominously plump alligators laze on sandbars and where every swamp seems to contain some dark and dreadful secret. Sean Connery, a long way from home, plays a law professor persuaded to investigate an old murder case.

Never a good idea, of course, to disturb the past in small, hot American towns: almost before he's had his first helping of pecan pie, Connery is beset by mysterious assailants and being warned by the vio-

lent, possibly corrupt sheriff (who, for a switch, is black) to back off, man.

## Screen Scene

Essentially this is a whodunnit with a couple of good twists in the last reel. It's also interesting as a film which Connery himself helped to generate - he's credited as executive producer - and which, in its Agatha-Christie-on-moonshine-whisky way, seeks to address the issue of capital punishment.

As might be expected from crusty old Big Tam, the proceed-

ings add up to one in the eye for namby-pamby liberals.

Film-making is a topsy-turvy business. On the one hand we have Connery, Scotland's favourite son, exiling himself among the skeeters and cottonmouths of Florida, while back home *Rob Roy*, as quintessentially Scottish a subject as you could imagine, features Irish, American and English players in all the leading roles.

The movie opens with a shot of half a dozen scruffs in kilts trudging through the heather - a sign that we are not dealing here with a vast expensive epic; even when it comes to the serious action the film can muster no more than a

couple of rowboatsful of Redcoats to lay waste Rob's puir wee village.

Liam Neeson and Jessica Lange as Mr and Mrs Roy portray virtue and heroism as staunchly as custom demands but, alas for virtue, this is a great film for villainy.

John Hurt, upper class and supercilious, gleefully oppresses every peasant in sight, but the film really belongs to Tim Roth as a Hanoverian hitman, a stew of seething resentments, getting his own back on life by harming or destroying everyone in his path.

The final long duel between this character and Rob Roy is the conclusion and chief justification of the whole movie. — Bob Baker

## Life, death and a painful of maggots

CPO Bill Dunleavy survived the sinking of HMS Exeter in the Java Sea on February 28, 1942 to spend the next three-and-a-half years as a prisoner of the Japanese, mostly as a slave labourer at Kawaminami Shipyard. Kawaminami is "just down the road" from Nagasaki.

"On 9th August 1945 we went to work as usual and went about our various tasks. At about 8.50a.m. I noticed a silvery-looking object in the sky above. It proved to be a huge American bomber — a B29. A few minutes later there was an intense and prolonged

blinding flash, like the arc on an electric welding rod only far more powerful.

"After the tremendous roar of the explosion and a terrific blast of heat an enormous mushroom of cloud blossomed



Ray Stubbs

out like a tree. There was a certain elegance about it and then a deadly stillness ..."

Bill's story is part of *99 Years of Navy* (Quiller Press, £16.95), a trilogy edited by Sam Morley. The privations of imprisonment in mainland Japan are less well documented than those of the camps in the occupied territories and the author offers some interesting insights into this particular school of survival.

Bill learned from an American GI to have no qualms over borrowing a bowl of rice from a sick man if he offered it — "he might be dead tomorrow" — or if someone wanted to save one up to celebrate an anniversary.

## Bankrupt

Before long he owed 240 bowls and declared himself bankrupt, undertaking to repay the debt at the rate of a bowl a day to those of his creditors who were still living.

To tide himself over in the interim he took to stealing the Japanese workers' lunches.

"They used to bring their food wrapped in large handkerchiefs. They would then bend a welding rod into an S-shape

and hang these on eyebolts under the ship or inside compartments of the ship.

"There were about seven or eight slipways and I used to vary my visits to them ... I would throw the handkerchiefs, tins and chopsticks away and eat the rice and fish. It was a dangerous pursuit and I was lucky to get away with it."

## Relish

Young sailors in the Edwardian Navy may not have suffered starvation — but they were famously hungry. First part of Morley's trilogy is *The Royal Navy of Lt Cdr W.E.V. Woods*, a memoir that graphically records the daily regime of the years before World War I.

"On two mornings a week boiled salt pork was issued. It wasn't very nice and didn't look it, but it was something to eat and we looked forward to the pork days with relish.

"How much one got depended on seniority. The senior boy sat at the ship's side under the mess shelf (the seat of honour) and by custom took the first cut before passing the pork down the table.

## Mercies

"By the time it reached the juniors at the other end very little remained. The best that can be said of this system is that it taught us not to criticise our seniors, to be thankful for small mercies, and to hope for better times."

It was a system Bill Dunleavy would anyway have happily swapped for the one he suffered under 40 years on.

Sam Morley himself details his own wartime experiences — mostly in destroyers — as a Leading Seaman in the third account of this set, *They Found me a Ship — Twice!* After serving two-and-a-half years with the Far Eastern Fleet the war would end tragically for Sam. Both his parents were killed by the last V2 rocket to hit London on March 27, 1945.

The destroyer HMS Encounter was lost in the same action as Dunleavy's Exeter. Only seven ratings were lost with her —

but 37 more died in captivity.

Ray Stubbs had left the ship a couple of months earlier on transfer to the Singapore signal station HMS Sultan. When the city fell he took flight in the minesweeper HMS Tapah — in which he was himself captured soon after. His officers hastily changed his rate from "Coder"



Bill Dunleavy

to "Writer" lest the dreaded Kempei Tai (military police) assume he might have secrets to impart.

*Prisoner of Nippon* (Square One, £15.95) is his own story of three years in Sungei Geron camp, Palembang — described by Lady Edwina Mountbatten after its liberation as one of the worst she had seen in the Far East.

Towards the end, when Ray's compatriots were dying at the rate of five a day, death by starvation seemed to be the likely fate of them all. In such an extremity, he was prepared to eat almost anything — until he was offered a dixie full of maggots.

## Writhing

"I nearly puked on the spot ... They could only have one source. The latrine trenches were full of these pale yellow, writhing larvae. These squirming, wriggling things had been dredged from the pits of mucus, blood and excreta.

"Go on, taste one. They've been cooked. And they was washed first."

"I couldn't ... Perhaps as well our loved ones did not know these things.

## ALBION'S FINEST HOUR

DURING her fifth commission HMS Albion held the weight of the Indonesia Confrontation for over 12 months.

In her then role as a commando ship the carrier enjoyed her finest hour. By the time she returned to Portsmouth in April 1964 she had steamed 85,000 miles and carried 12,000 troops. Her helicopters had made more than 10,000 operational sorties.

In her frequent appearances off Borneo she

generally arrived at first light, which lent her a "phantom-like" quality — and she quickly became known as "The Old Grey Ghost of the Borneo Coast."

The name stuck — and HMS Albion 1944-73, *The Old Grey Ghost* (Fan Publications £13.95) is the title of Neil McCart's evocative album of a fine ship that spent much of her life attending the various crises that visited some of Britain's last commitments of Empire in the Middle and Far East.

## Pacific War mapped

DAVID Smurthwaite's *Pacific War Atlas 1941-1945* (HMSO £10.95) is probably the most comprehensive to date.

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## Reunions

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**HMS Collier KS19** The last reunion for shipmates of the 1956 group will be held at Southport on September 1 and 2. Contact SM Len Haydock, Vew Tree Cottage, 94 Grimshaw Lane, Ormskirk, Lancs L399 1PE. Tel: 01695 577944.

**HMS Frobbisher Association** holds a reunion at the Royal Fleet Club on September 1, 2 and 3. Contact Charlie Connolly, 12 Clifton House, Harvist Estate, Harrogate Rd, London N7 7ND.

**LST and Landing Craft Association** West Country members hold a reunion on September 9, at 1200. Yeovil Naval Air Station, Somerset. Details from G Kirkman Page, 30 Downland Rd, Downland, Bristol BS16 5JJ. Tel: 0117 956 1070.

**853 Squadron Fleet Air Arm** reunion at the Hermitage Hotel, Bournemouth, September 16. Contact Mr H J C Spencer on 01344 22963.

**HMS Comus Comrades Association** meets at the RNIA Club, Lake Rd, Portsmouth, on the evening of September 22 with the AGM at 1400 the following day. After the AGM a buffet supper reunion will be held in the PO's mess. HMS Nelson from 1900 to 0100. For tickets send a SAE to Robin Kane, 3 Shoeburgh Avenue, Eastburn, Kestley, West Yorks.

**The Fast Minelayers Association** annual general meeting takes place on the weekend beginning September 29 at the King Charles Hotel, Gillingham. All ex fast minelayers welcome. Enquiries to Ray Moore, 89 Watling Rd, Norwich NR2 9TG.

Tel: 01603 437652.  
**HMS Morecombe Bay Association** (1945-56) is holding its first reunion at the Victory Club, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth, on September 30. All ex officers and ratings who are not yet members should contact Mr G Harrison, 18 Tarnella Rd, Botley, Hampshire, SO30 2NY. Tel: 01489 787111.

**OCTOBER**  
**RN PTA Branch Association** reunion annual dinner at 1300 in the Victory Services Club, London, October 1. Contact Mr C E Houghton, 55 Dalin Rd, Bexley Heath, London DA6 8EH. Tel: 0181 364 6189.

**RN Patrol Service** 20th reunion from October 1 to 8 at Lowestoft, Suffolk. Contact Mr John Dunn, the Naval Museum, Sparrow's Nest, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 1RG.

**HMS Centaur** mini reunion at the Polish Eagle Club, Plymouth, October 6. All ranks and ratings welcome. Singles £3, couples £5. Contact M Banister, 68 Austin Crescent, Egguckland, Plymouth, PL6 5QD. Tel: 01752 791824.

**HMS Ganges** 12th reunion at Scarborough, October 6 to 8. Send a SAE to Ivan Hayward, 13 Moor Lay, Birdwell, Barnsley S70 5PP. Tel: 01226 283384.

**Merseyside RN Patrol Service** dance at the Cordon Hut, October 7. For tickets write to 70 Prenton Dett Rd, Birkenhead, Wirral L43 3BY.

**The HMHS Oxfordshire Association** reunion and dinner is in Southsea on October 13 and 14, to include ex patients. Details: Harry Mitchell, 3 Florence Rd, Southsea PO5 2ND. Tel: 01705 830158.

**HMS Norfolk Association** 49th reunion at Plymouth on October 14. Any person who served on the cruiser may apply. Details can be obtained from Mr E W Jewell, 18 Canfave Close, Plympton, PL7 3PG. Tel: 01752 341814.

**HMS Rocket (1943-45)** of the 11th Destroyer Flotilla SEAC 7th reunion at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London, on October 14 from 1900 to midnight. Other members of the 11th DF are welcome. Contact Bill Clitheroe, 48 Lower Fosters, New Brent St, Hendon, London NW4 2DH. Tel: 0181 200 5096.

**FAA Artificer Apprentices**, Raleigh Division (1943-47) reunion at the Royal Sailors Home Club, Portsmouth, October 17. Details from Mr Cliff Howard, 58 Wykeham Crescent, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 3SB. Tel: 01865 775307.

**Corfu Channel Naval Association** at the Gifford Hotel, High St, Worcester, from October 20 to 22. Details from Mr Norman Walker, 15 Walnut St, Ball Green, Coventry CV2 1JF. Tel: 01203 606696.

**HMS Foley K476** reunion at the Buena Vista Hotel, Blackpool, October 20 to 22. Contact Frank Bee, 67 The Esplanade, Fleetwood, Lancs. Tel: 01253 873800.

**North Russia Club** 11th annual reunion dinner at the St George Hotel, Liverpool, October 21. Details from L Jones, Flat 16, Aroon House, Arson Rd, Coppull, Chorley, Lancs PR7 5TY. Tel: 01257 791 632.

**The HMS Ajax & River Plate Association** reunion takes place at the Gascoigne Rooms, Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London, on October 25. Contact J Quance, 10 George St, Harwich, Essex CO12 3ND. Tel: 01255 502067.

**The Bombardment Unit Association** 50th annual reunion will be held in HMS Belfast on October 28. Details: R Perring, 75 Bedford Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 0UJ. Tel: 01892 529364.

**The Survey Ships Association** (which was formerly known as the H Boats Association) has its annual general meeting at Portsmouth on October 28. For details send a self addressed envelope to Mrs P Enkin, The Elms Guest House, 48 Victoria Rd, Southsea, Hants PO5 2BT. Tel: 01705 823824.



## PRIZE PUZZLE

**WINNER of Navy News' Mystery Picture competition No. 5 is Mr S.G. Kingston of Bessacar, Doncaster. His entry was drawn at random from the correct replies which named the ship in the photograph as HMS Warspite and provided the required information that the picture was taken in 1942 when the battleship was the flagship of Admiral Sir James Somerville, C-in-C of the Eastern Fleet.**

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## Over to you

**HMS Avenger (1945)** Are any of the eight survivors of Avenger, torpedoed November 14th 1942, still alive? The widow of PO Donald Johnston, whose battle station was the magazine and shell room, would like details of the sinking. Contact Mrs Cora Williams, 92 Hazleton Way, Hornsea, Hants PO8 9DY. Tel: 01705 595236.

**Operations Neptune and Overlord** David Fries of 171 Roadside Drive, Morton Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP20 7DH. Tel: 01284 790068, is compiling a list of all RN, US and Allied ships involved in the Normandy landings from June to August 31. Details wanted.

**Trafalgar Day Dinners**, HMS Chatham. A history of these events is being compiled. Any recollections from those who have attended will be welcomed by Dennis Dolderfield, New Britain, 239 Massons Ave, London, EC2V 5BT. Tel: 0171 600 4282.

**Admiralty staff of Sir Gerald Dickens** (September 1940 to August 1942) and survivors from LCT 188, Daple rail, are sought by G. Billet, Vredesek, 73,8319 St Kruis-Brugge 3, Belgium, who seeks details of the death of his father, Lt V Billet, Royal Naval Reserve.

**HMS Phoebe** Destroyer lost with all hands outside Scarpa Flow, March 1, 1917. Divers believe they have located the wreck. Relatives of those lost who are interested in a memorial service should contact Keith McBride, 149 Boston Manor Rd, Brandford, Middlesex TW8 9LE. Tel: 0181 568 9496. Please write if possible.

**ERFA W Penny**, HMS Kenya, 20 Mess, 1941, once of 15 Grey St, Copenhaw, Manchester. Mr M K Roberts-Croftwood of Middle Flat, 30 Fore St, Louth, Leicestershire, PL22 4BH, has a BR77 machinery handbook with your name in the front cover. If you would like it, get in touch.

**Britannia (1906)** The ship was escorted out of Cowes by destroyers HMS Winchester and Anson and blown up in the Solent. Are any members of the ship's companies still around and are there any photographic records of the event itself? Contact Philip Martin, Director, UATV, Unit 3 Chelsea Wharf, Luts Rd, London SW10 0QJ. Tel: 0171 351 1256/7601.

**Cap Tallies** from all RN and foreign ships and units, Polish navy, sought by Robert Bryan, 682-1585 Barclay St, Vancouver, B.C., V6G 1K7, Canada.

## Calling Old Shipmates

**HM Submarine Stubbins (1942-44)** Ex-stoker R Salves seeks any old boatmates who served under Lt AA Ouff, Write to 13 Alexandra Rd, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8HP. Tel: 01823 666780.

**RHND NZS St Clements** (combined ops) 1945. Mr A Shelton of 2 Osters Court, Snodland, Kent ME5 5NF, would like to hear from old shipmates.

**Signaller Danny Poole, HMS Cleveland (1943)**, Seaman Torpedoman James Lyndon would like to hear from you. 151 Highfield Rd, Birmingham B28 0HS. Tel: 0121 777 8174.

**2240 B/C Geoffrey C Day** WW2 FM and then Palestine Police, possibly from the London area. Old friend seeks contact. In the first instance, write to Mrs A Smith, 57 Norwich Close, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 7SL.

**HMS Ferret, Ramsgate, Kent (1939-41)** Sig Tom Bell and Ella Bell, WYNS, first all naval wedding of the war, would like to hear from old shipmates, especially Ann Ryan, WYNS. Tel: 01843 602976.

**CPO Cox'n Barry Dunsore** of Weymouth, Brian Bee of Austenfield, Doncaster, Ronnie Anderson of Thorne, or Doncaster, Jimmy Brailsford of Liverpool, Johnny Easthope of Birmingham, Brian Furber of Bristol, please contact Victor Andrew, 101 Kingsford Park, Slad Lane, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Worcs DY11 5TA.

**HMS Flagstaff apprentices (1948)** and HMS Collingwood (1951-53) Martin Harvey and Karl (Steve) Stephenson, Mick Herbert is anxious to contact you. 20 Palm Way, Cottenham, Cambridge, CB4 4TG. Tel: 01954 250014.

**HMS Caprice (1967-68)** Phil Evans is urgently trying to trace a shipmate AWOL from the last reunion, Chris (CD) Hole, Dave Jennings, Dave Fields, Dave Windsor, Jack Douglas, Al Dow, Dickie Bird, Singer Woods, Spiller Davies, Dave Roberts, Vic Harrison and Dave Matthews, 68 Leicester Rd, Fallowfield, Manchester M25 0QY. Tel: 0161 681 9044.

**HMS Zodiac (1944-45)** Tony (Fairy) Farriner would like to hear from shipmates with a view to holding a reunion. 8 Canada Grove, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 5AF.

Tel: 01730 812695.  
**Andy McKie**, JEM, HMS Collingwood, February 1954, and John Reid, HMS Submarine Subtle, Portland; shipmate AT Arnold would like to contact you. 17 Red Valley Rd, Copthorne, Sharnbury ST3 8AT. Tel: 01743 244896.

**HMS Widesmouth Bay (1945-46)** Bob (Topsy) Turner, of 17 Mill Way, East Grinstead, W. Sussex RH19 4DQ, would like to hear from any old shipmates, especially Frank, Malvin, Jimmy Wyke, Jimmy James and Frank (Shiner) Wright. Tel: 01242 323801.

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**HMS Peacock** The ship's company of the present HMS Peacock are invited to join the 1944-54 Peacock Association who are planning a reunion next year at Royal Leamington Spa. For details, contact Ted Collier, 8 Aston Lane, Harby-on-Thames, Oxon, RG8 3EL. Tel: 01491 574241.

**HMS Royal Arthur**, Class 7, 1942. Two classmates seek contact with others. Roy Baker, 14 Saumarez St, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2PT. Tel: 01481 720058.

**JRO Jonathan Anderson**, from Aberdeens who joined HMS Ganges in 1970, Rodney Division, Last contact 1972, HMS Eagle. Anyone who knows his whereabouts, please contact Kevin Wood, known at the time as Ganges as Toffy, Blake Division. Tel: 01895 463554 or 01895 236236.

**RNAS Brawley**, Haverfordwest, HMS Goldcrest. If you are interested in a reunion in 1996 contact D Hutton, 44 Parkway Rd, Urmston, Manchester M41 0XW.

**HMS Fowey** and **HMS Johan Maurits** Leading Patrolman S Hanson would like to hear from any of the ship's companies, particularly Lt Col Grantham RNVR, and TEL Roseband from the Dutch Indies. 78 Birchtree Ave, Peterborough, Cambs PE1 4HE.

**HMS Black Prince** The ship's crest has been received and blessed by the vicar of the Garrison Church, Miller's Point, Sydney. It was presented on behalf of the Black Prince Association by John Schofield, ex-RM. Ex-AB Pat Waters also attended.

**Thomas Ward**, Royal Marines, Inverness, 1943. Please contact Rona Junior, 47 Montgomery Drive, Bolton, Rugby CV22 7LA. Tel: 01788 814163.

**HMS Whitesand Bay (1945-56)** For details of the 1952 reunion contact 0408 Nightingale, 268 Galley Hill, Gadebridge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 3LD. Tel: 01442 63405.

**HMS Ripley (1942-43)** Mr Mervin Williams would be pleased to hear from his old shipmates. Write to 87 Olive Rd, Corford, Southampton SO16 5PT or Tel: 01703 775875.

**Roy Harper** (non-AB) who comes from Birmingham and was best man for Frank Leonard Travers, and served with him in HMS Firth or Jamaica, please contact his daughter Denise Travers for a surprise 50th birthday party in September. 45 Hambleton Close, Hillington, Middlesex UB8 3UD. Tel: 01895 462595.

**HMS Ganges (1939)** Class 78, 40 Mess. Any classmates interested in correspondence or a reunion please contact Mr George Sutton, Kewton, Chisleworth, Cornwall PL18 9PB. Tel: 01822 832148.

**853 Squadron FAA (1943-45)** Ex PO/RM Roy Williams, Tel: 01446 772427, would like to hear from the following ex PO/RMs: W Len Wadson, once of 12 Addison Ave, Hounslow, and Victor St, Chester, Tom Willet, once of Abbey St,

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**LCT 2191** The LST and Landing Craft Association would like to get in touch with the crew of LCT 2195, AB Lemon, AB Brown, LST Vlc Orme St Brooks and any other survivors of D-Day 1944. Contact John Murphy on 0181 264 9657.

**HMS Cranston**, Mooncom, Burges, Capet, Affleck and other ships of the 1st, 3rd and 17th escort groups (see reunions). Is anyone in contact with JO Shaw, PO TEL ex Duke of York, Cranston. Lived at 77 Devenport St, Bolton in 1944? Also Jan Bannister, ex DOY and Cranston (1943-45) Denis Ward, Benny Adamson, Jack Donnelly or other members of the speakers mess. Contact GH Rawson, Northlea, Bishopwood, W Chard, Somerset TA20 3RD. Tel: 01480 234583.

**HMS Phoebe Band** Would Mr Charles Mayhew, of Penveney, please contact Mrs Roy Parvly of 3 Bridge Close, Didcot, Oxon OX11 8DU. Tel: 01235 814996.

**HMS Ganges (January 15, 1946)** Classes 117/18 Mike Draper and Peter Higgs would like to hear from all boys seen 2nd class who joined on this date. Blunell, Hooper, Knight, Saunders, Street, Shaw, Wardle, Donovan, Goodbody, Ralph, Martin, Taylor, Curly, Middleton etc. for a 50th anniversary reunion. Contact Mike Draper on 2 Dorney Way, Gosport PO13 9RF. Tel: 01329 825677.

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## Feast of music for the Jubilee

CELEBRATIONS marking the Silver Jubilee of the Association will peak on October 14, when shipmates gather in their thousands in the Royal Albert Hall, London, for a gala 60th anniversary reunion — and a feast of music by the massed bands of the Royal Marines.

It's not yet known if the occasion will be graced by the presence of Royalty, but hopes are high that a Royal guest will attend. Those who have not yet secured a seat may like to know that some tickets are still available at £13 and £8 per head.

The new national standard will be dedicated at a service at the opening of the reunion. And next day it will be proudly displayed as shipmates march down Whitehall, where a remembrance service will be held at the Cenotaph.

It promises to be a memorable weekend. It will be a splendid climax to a year in which shipmates and standard bearers had won acclaim for their appearance and smart drill at parades and services marking VE and VJ Day — not forgetting the Royal Tournament.

### Sea service

**Seafarers' Service** — This will take place in St Paul's Cathedral on October 18, at 1800. The Queen accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh will attend. The Ven. Michael Bucks, Chaplain of the Fleet, will preach the sermon.

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## RN gets mystery paintings

PICTURES of HM ships Hood and Lion painted by a mystery artist have been presented to HMS Drake's heritage collection.

Handing them over is Shipmate Jan Thomas, public relations officer of No. 10 Area. They are being received by the executive officer of Drake, Cdr Graham Antcliffe, and the wardroom mess manager, Lt Cdr Anton MacGuire.

The 72-year-old paintings were given to or bought by Shipmate Thomas's late father, LS Leslie Thomas, who was a friend of the artist when they served together in Hood during her first commission. Nothing more is known of the artist except that he was a seaman rating.

## TV COVERAGE DRAWS RECRUITS

### Branch News

#### Swindon

Five World War II veterans shared a happy birthday occasion at Swindon club. Three of them — Shipmates Charlie Rogers, Geoff Faulkner and Tom Parsons — celebrated their 85th, 80th and 77th birthdays respectively. They and Shipmates Sid French and Ben Collings (ex-RM) had all served in HMS Cape Town.

Charlie and Tom had served in her together in the 1930s and later played a vital role in the heroic action of the gunboat HMS Li Wo in the Far East in 1942. Charlie being the captain and Tom the gunlayer of the vessel's 4in gun.

The other three friends served in the Cape Town from the beginning of the war until the ship was torpedoed in 1941.

#### Hanworth

Guests of honour at a branch dinner dance were Vice Admiral Sir Anthony Tippet, the General Secretary, Capt Bob McQueen RN (ret), and his predecessor, Capt Jim Rayner RM (ret).

During the evening, branch standard bearer Shipmate John Hope received life membership, and a presentation was made to Capt Rayner to mark his retirement.

#### Redruth and Camborne

The laying-up of the old branch standard and the dedication of the new, was a splendid occasion for local and visiting shipmates. The service, held in St Andrew's Church, Redruth, was conducted by the Rev. Roger Bush. The lesson

was read by the CO of RN air station Culdrose, Capt Peter Fish. Following the service, an impressive parade displaying 24 standards representing branches throughout No 4 Area proudly marched through the town to the music of the "Blue Jackets" band of HMS Seahawk.

#### Long Beach

While visiting San Diego, Shipmate Roy Ellis, chairman of the LST and Landing Craft Association, was welcomed, with his wife, to Long Beach branch, including lunch at the Princess of Wales pub.

#### Blandford

Members of the RN Division's Collingwood Battalion, wiped out at Gallipoli, were remembered at a service held at a memorial close to where they had trained — Blandford camp. The annual service was conducted by the Rev. Christopher Ward and arranged by the branch.

Among those who attended was Lord Freyberg whose grandfather, a VC holder, commanded Hood Battalion of the RND; and the Commandant General of the Royal Marines, Lt Gen Sir Robert Ross.

#### Deal & Walmer

The move from Deal to Portsmouth of the RM School of Music is a blow to the branch, which has to vacate its club premises by the end of the year.

Members visited Malta and paid their respects at the RNA memorial at Selima. Before they left they were hosted by Malta branch.

#### Sevenoaks

The dedication of the standard in St Luke's Church was well supported by neighbouring branches. The Rev. Miles

TELEVISION coverage of the activities of the Association's No. 11 Area has resulted in many inquiries from would-be recruits.

Filming for the eight free community service adverts — each lasting for 40 seconds on Yorkshire TV — took place mainly at Leeds No. 1 Headingly branch, where the camera crew found a "fantastic atmosphere."

Before attending the RNA Conference, 50 members of the branch took a six-day coach tour of the West Country, visiting Bristol club, HMS Brave in Plymouth, and RN air station Culdrose where they witnessed a firefighting display and toured the helicopter Search and Rescue section.

#### Great Yarmouth

Due style was lavished on the branch's tenth anniversary celebrations, which were attended by representatives of branches throughout No 5 area. The superb Pangbourne College Band led a parade of 300 Shipmates, displaying 30 standards, to St Nicholas' Church for the rededication of the branch standard.

#### Fleetwood

Members of the branch, especially Shipmates Derek Gordon Roberts, honoured with life membership, won the Area standard bearers competition — a first for the branch. Events included a civic parade through the town centre with standards on display, to music of a Royal Marines band. A most enjoyable concert in the evening given by the Lancashire Students Band, under the baton of Mr Geoff Balson, and a Sunset ceremony attracted a big attendance. This happy occasion raised £2,000 to help local youth charities.

### IN BRIEF

**Peterborough** — Shipmate Gordon Roberts, honoured with life membership, won the Area standard bearers competition — a first for the branch.

**Ripon** — Branch president, the Rev. Christopher Campling, Dean of Ripon, was presented with a framed group photograph of fellow shipmates, on leaving.

**Huddersfield** — A visit behind bars was an experience enjoyed by members and wives on attending a social in the Prison Officers Club, Leeds.

**City of Edinburgh** — The branch standard, discovered in

a city attic and which led to the re-commissioning of the branch in April, will be rededicated soon.

**Purley** — The 60th birthday of the branch was celebrated in style at an anniversary social at which Shipmate Don Matthews was honoured with life membership.

**Bridgend** — For outstanding service to the branch, certificates of appreciation were presented to Shipmates Maureen Naish, Lyn Dodson and Barbara Nash.

**Bolton** — In recognition of many years' loyal service, Ship-

mate William Hill was honoured with life membership and presented with an inscribed silver tankard.

**Margate RNA Band** — Shipmate R. D. Coe, the band secretary, wishes shipmates to know that the RNA band is a concert band, not a marching band.

**Sri Lanka** — The gift of a plaque from Blackpool and Fylde branch resulted in a thank-you letter from Sri Lanka stating: "Your esteemed gift shall be treated as an RNA family heirloom, precious and dear and will be looked after always and forever."

Thompson conducted the service, and there were 150 shipmates and 28 standards in the parade that followed. The new standard was borne by Shipmate Fred Faircloth.

Music was provided by the Maidstone Police Band, and the salute was taken by the Area president, Rear Admiral A. J. Whetstone.

#### Cheshunt

Two of the branch's stalwart members, Shipmates Jim Bird and Ron Joy, were awarded No 1 Area coveted titles of "Shipmate of the Year" and "Scribe of the Year" respectively. Shipmate Bird was awarded the honour for his work as area welfare adviser.

#### Kettering

A combined force of Sea, Army and Royal Air Force cadets put on an impressive drill display at the branch's VE Day celebration, which was attend-

ed by 140 shipmates and wives. Mr Roger Freeman, Minister of Defence for Procurement, who visited the branch, marked the occasion by presenting a memento — the binnacle of HMS Kent.

#### Stourbridge and District

National and area standards were on display at the rededication of Stourbridge and District standard. Following the service shipmates paraded to music by the band of TS Vernon, Edgbaston.

#### Thurrock

Over half the £1,200 raised by the branch for King George's Fund for Sailors were the proceeds of an exhibition of wartime photographs, posters and other memorabilia at Grays Thameside Theatre. To crown their success the branch won a trophy for the best float in the local carnival.

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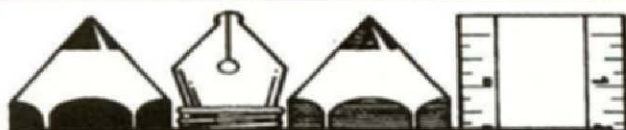
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# Looking ahead with confidence

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### Special needs

In the same spirit, many of these schools cater for all levels of ability. At Normanton, courses are geared to the demands of the pupils, so that A-level in business studies and accounts are now on offer — and there is also a special needs department.

Mayville has a dyslexia unit and offers after school prep sessions and holiday courses while at Bembridge provision of specialist help for pupils with reading problems is in the best tradition of the ideals of its founder, the educational pioneer J. Howard Whitehouse.

Highly individual facilities characterise several of the seats of learning in this selection. Great Ballard has an indoor pistol range as well as an extensive new sports field complex for 1996 and Quantock, set in a superb position on the edge of the Quantock Hills, even has its own farm.

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### Service links

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Slindon College occupies an enviable position on the South Downs while Thornlow, overlooking Portland Harbour, is walking distance from Weymouth's fine beaches.

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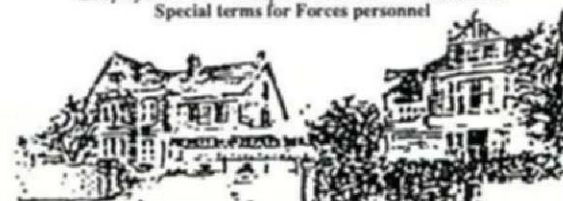
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## Welcome smiles on the Tyne

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Highlight of the Type 42 destroyer's stay was the Freedom of the City parade through the busy Saturday morning city centre — to a particularly warm reception from the locals.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Cllr Barney Rice, then hosted a reception at his official residence at which HMS Newcastle's commanding officer Cdr Keith Winstanley returned the Freedom Scroll to him for safe keeping during the refit period.

The visit allowed many strong affiliations with the city to be renewed and over £4,000 was donated to local charities, including two special schools and the children's ward at Newcastle General Hospital.

● Top left: the Lord Mayor of Newcastle inspects the ship's company as they prepare to exercise the Freedom of the City.

● Above: sharing a joke with one of the pupils at Parkway Special School.

## FLIGHTS OF FANCY



LIKE ALL RN shore establishments, RN Air Station Culdrose is known as a "Stone frigate." But Culdrose goes one better by having its own full-scale replica of an aircraft carrier flight deck.

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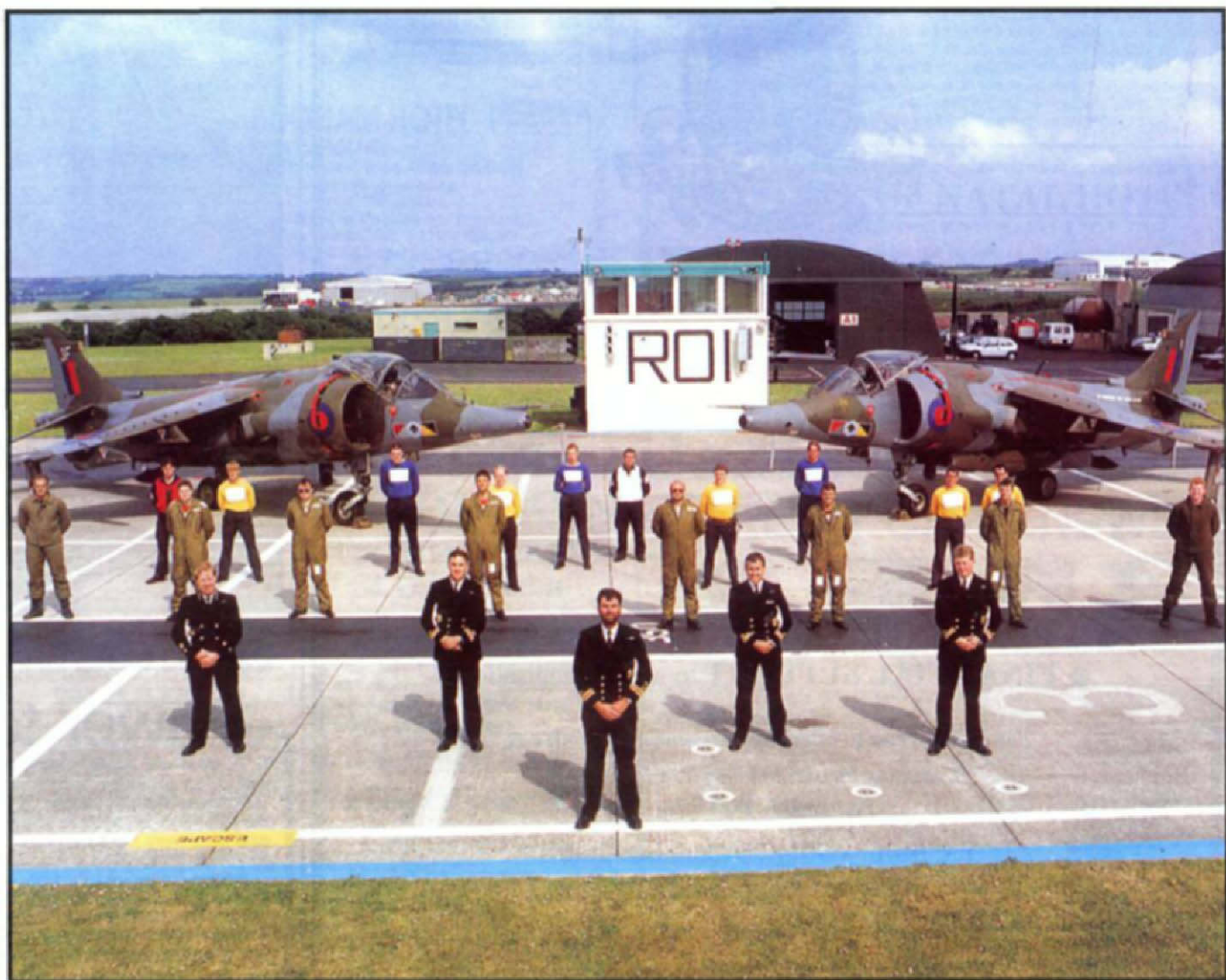
While the original Siskin employed Barracuda, Firefly and Swordfish model aircraft, its 1990s counterpart has a carrier air group of six GR3 Harriers capable of carrying out any ground taxiing manoeuvre.

Memories of the Swordfish were revived for a party of Fleet Air Arm veterans who returned to Yeovilton to see the aircraft they flew into battle over 50 years ago.

Twenty former pilots and observers were each treated to a flight in one of the aircraft maintained by the RN Historic Flight — which escorted The Queen and Prince Philip along the Thames during the London VJ Day commemorations.

● Above: Capt Iain Henderson, commanding officer RN Air Station Yeovilton with some of the FAA veterans.

● Right: Instructors of the School of Aircraft Handling with the newly commissioned Siskin at Culdrose.





## TRUST HELPS ALAN TO HIS FEET

A FORMER member of the Royal Navy whose limbs were paralysed after an accident which fractured his spine, is now able to stand for the first time in 20 years, with the help of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust.

Alan Yates (39) served from 1971-77 before being medically discharged. His injuries left him suffering from spastic quadriplegia which confined him to a wheelchair.

He lives in the Cheshire Home at Retford, Nottinghamshire, and attends Bassetlaw Hospital where the senior physiotherapist recommended that Alan should have a Levo Active Stand-Up Wheelchair. The "chair" improves the occupant's circulation and reduces the likelihood of pressure ulcers, muscle spasms and osteoporosis. It also aids internal therapy, as well as increasing independence and quality of life.

SSAFA at Bassetlaw became aware of Alan's needs and approached the Trust as well as other organisations. Impressed by Alan's determination to achieve as normal a lifestyle as possible, the RNBT made a contribution towards the cost of the chair.

A new lease of life for Alan Yates, thanks to his Levo stand-up chair. With him are a colleague from the Fellowship of the Services, Mr Adrian Pallister, and Mrs Brenda Broughton, head of care at the Cheshire Home.

# Bob given a new freedom

ROBERT Foyle (79) a former petty officer who served from 1932 until 1955, lives with his daughter in Hampshire. Bob suffers from chronic asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and osteoporosis — a weakening of his bones caused by the use of large doses of steroids for his lung problems.

Just before Christmas he was taken into hospital following a very bad seizure. During this period, his wife was diagnosed as having advanced leukaemia and died soon after.

Specialists recommended that Bob should stay in a medical environment so that he could be seen quickly during

his frequent attacks. However, his daughter — who was determined that her father should spend his time within the family — moved him from his council house to her home and finally convinced the specialists that she could look after him with an emergency back-up available at the end of the telephone.

Despite his problems Bob is

a very lively gentleman who loves to reminisce about his naval service and is very keen to get out and about as much as possible.

He applied to the RNBT for assistance to obtain a powered outdoor wheelchair. The Trust contacted the Arethusa Old Boys' Association — Bob was in the Arethusa Training Ship in 1932 — and the Roland Hill



Benevolent Fund, as he worked for the Post Office after leaving the Navy. Both organisations made contributions.

### Independence

Together with the grant made by the RNBT, Bob and his daughter were then able to afford the rest — and he is now the proud possessor of a Nesbit Evans Harrier wheelchair.

Bob wrote saying that he was very grateful for the help in obtaining the chair which had given him a new lease of life, freedom and independence.

## RNBT step in to aid gallant Max



All smiles for Frances Magill and WO Bill Godfrey, the member of the RNBT's Plymouth Area Committee who helped Frances apply to the Trust for her powered wheelchair.

JOHN (Max) Horton, a holder of the Queen's Gallantry Medal, served in the Royal Navy from 1951 to 1973 as a Submariner and now lives with his partner Susan in Carlisle.

He was made redundant from his job as a science technician at a local school and, although he is continually job hunting, his chances of gaining employment at the age of 61 are very slim. Susan has had to give up her job through ill health so their financial position is very precarious.

Their house has been burgled eight times and recently their car, which they have been trying to sell since Max was made redundant, had its door window smashed by vandals.

Carlisle branch of the Royal Naval Association heard of Max's problem and helped him to apply to the RNBT. That resulted in a grant to make good the car, together with further help to relieve some of the financial stress being faced by the couple.

"We really cannot put it into words how grateful we are for this assistance," said Max. "It is very gratifying to know that in these times of what appears to be a less caring world there are comrades who do care."

### VE Day gift

PORTCHESTER shoe-shop employee Mrs Jan Austin raised £685 in a VE Day raffle for the RNBT. Many of the shops in West Street, Portchester donated prizes and helped to sell tickets.

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## Power to Frances

A 76-year-old naval widow who is suffering from asbestosis has been provided with a powered wheelchair by the RNBT.

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## Round-up



LT CDR Margaret Myers RNR (above), of HMS Vivid, successfully defended her Ladies Foil title at the Inter-Services Fencing Championships, staged at the Royal Tournament.

She also held on as Royal Navy ladies champion in foil and epee earlier in the year.

Margaret took up fencing after leaving school and has represented Wales in four Commonwealth Championships. Since she began competing for the RN crown in 1974 she's never been out of the top three places. She has won the Inter-Services ladies foil event no less than ten times.

SEVENTEEN new Royal Navy physical training instructors performed a Passing Out Display at HMS Temeraire in front of the Second Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, and invited guests.

After their arduous 25-week course, the new PTs made the feat of gymnastics, rope climbing, club swinging and acrobatics seem almost effortless.

LWPT Jo Wainwright, one of the three women to pass the course, was named Top Qualifier and presented with her trophy by Admiral Boyce. She has now joined HMS Collingwood.

A WELL-known international cancer research charity is looking for a couple of keen Navy runners to take part in next year's London Marathon. To qualify, you must be fit, available on Sunday, April 21 and willing to raise £1,000 for this worthy cause. Anyone interested should contact Brian Davies at HMS Temeraire on Portsmouth 723994.

BOTH newcomers and experienced racers could come away from the Royal Navy Dry Ski Slope Championships with trophies. The event will take place at Plymouth on Thursday, October 5, and skiers of all standards are welcome — from absolute beginners to RN team members.

As well as encouraging novices, the championships will provide a stage for the talents of contenders for Command teams and the Navy squad. Competitions will include individual slaloms, plus races for minor and major ships and establishments. There's a special class for the over-40s, and qualified instructors will be on hand to help new skiers find their feet. Entry forms are available from PT offices, staff recreation officers and from Lt Arthur Mitchell, event organiser, at DHSA Yeovil ext 3709.

THE RAF is in the process of organising its own karate squad under the guidance of Flt Lt Paul Allison, third dan WSKF. Any RN karateka interested in doing the same — with a view to assisting with future Combined Services squad training sessions and a possible Inter-Services competition — should contact Sgt Gordon Bucknall at RAF Brize Norton ext 7339 or fax 01993 842551 ext 6369.

THE ROYAL Navy representative football team will be making a tour of Hong Kong later this month.

# CONSISTENTLY INCONSISTENT

IN THEIR first appearance in the Lamb's Navy Cup Final CTCRM defeated HMS Sultan by 100 runs, writes Lt Cdr Jim Danks.

Their score of 236-4 was based on an excellent innings of 103 by POMA Mark Smith, who was well supported by Cpl Andy Hurry with 62 not out. They shared a stand of 104 for the third wicket.

After the loss of their leading scorer, CPO Mal Tonge, for three, Sultan were always struggling and only a spirited innings of 53 from Constable Andrew Thomas of Grenada delayed the Royal Marines' victory, in which Hurry followed up his half century by taking four wickets.

Score: CTCRM 236-4 HMS Sultan 136.

## Presentation

After the match Mrs Julie Herricht of Allied Domecq presented the cup to WO Ould, CTCRM captain. Col. Fulton, RN cricket chairman, presented the man of the match award to Mark Smith.

Fortunes have been extremely varied, meanwhile, for the Royal Navy representative team. They lost to Devon at Axminster by 85 runs and then beat Devon and Cornwall Constabulary at Mount Wise the next day by 72 runs.

Scoreboard for the two

matches showed Devon 292-5 (A. Small 132) Royal Navy 207 (Lt Alistair Falconer 38). Royal Navy 235-9 (Falconer 77; PO D. Wynne 38) Devon and Cornwall Constabulary 163 (Lt C. Slocumbe 4-11).

Club Cricket Conference won their game against the Navy by just 11 runs, CCC finished on 224 for 8, with skipper Paul Barsby taking 5 for 30. The Navy proceeded to clutch defeat from the jaws of victory as they cast their wickets away in a poor display. Three players were needlessly run out.

The Navy managed 213, with MEA App Peter Andrew scoring 81 and Capt Robin Hollington making 40.

A draw followed for the Royal Navy in their match against Sussex II at Chichester. Maj Charles Hobson was the Navy's top scorer with 66.

## Worst display

The Navy chose the Inter-Services match against the Army at Portsmouth to give their worst display of the season. RN batsmen failed to produce any innings of substance, making too few runs to give the bowlers a realistic

chance of dismissing the opposition. Royal Navy 164 (CPO-MEA Stuart Adams 51) Army 166 for 5. Army won by five wickets.

In their match against the RAF the Navy won the toss and put the airmen in to bat. The RAF made 273 for 7 from 55 overs, with David Garbutt taking three for 34 from 11 fast, accurate overs.

## Application

Facing a run rate of nearly five per over, the RN suffered a disastrous start when Hollington was out with the score on nine. However, the batsmen applied themselves well, played straight and were soon up with the required rate.

The loss of Falconer for 50 and Snelling for 27 proved crucial, but Andy Procter, promoted in the order, made 44 from 37 balls in a stand of 64 with Wynne.

Wynne and Barsby kept the rate up and with 10 overs remaining were just behind the RAF score at a similar stage. But the pressure eventually told, as Barsby was run out for 27 from 27 balls and Wynne stumped for 35.

Garbutt hit a six off Spiller,



POMA Mark Smith was named Man of the Match for his part in CTCRM's victory over HMS Sultan in the Lamb's Navy Cup final.

Picture: David Stretton, Portsmouth

but the Navy innings closed at 253 for nine, giving the RAF victory by 20 runs.

The RAF beat the Army by five wickets to retain the Inter-Services title. The competition was sponsored by Famous Grouse.

The Inter-Services highlighted the Jekyll and Hyde performance of the Navy team this season. The team effort against the RAF showed the players have the ability, but they must learn to be consistent.

# RNAC BEAT THE DROP

FOLLOWING our worst start to the season for many years, the RN Athletic Club started July one place off the bottom of Division 2 and entered August still firmly entrenched in the relegation zone, writes S/Lt Graeme Riley.

With the last two matches in August away from home, things didn't look too promising for the club.

However, an excellent second place at Colindale, behind top club Ealing, and beating the home club, Met Police, into fourth place meant RNAC still had a slim chance of beating the drop.

With the final match falling in the summer leave period the task of fielding a full-strength side was always going to be difficult. This proved to be the case but the small core of athletes who made it to Milton Keynes overcame lack of numbers by chasing for every point to keep us in contention throughout the closely-fought match.

AEM Paul McQue (Daedalus) shrugged off a knee injury to win the long and triple jumps, recording a season's best in the triple. A quartet of Marines — CSgt Andy Mitchell and Cpl Johnno Johnson (CTCRM), Sgt Stu Gibbs (42 Cdo) and Mne Damien Todd (40 Cdo) — ran, jumped and threw to give the club a good base of points from the field.

On the track LCK George Roper (CHOSC) ran a sensibly paced race to overhaul the early leader and win the 5,000m. He was well supported by CRS Taff John (Collingwood), who won the b-string 5,000m and produced a surprise third place in the 1,500m.

CPOWEA Rupert Williams (Neptune), in his best season for several years, scored well, winning the 100m, taking third in the 200m and anchoring the 4x100m team to a comfortable win.

The overall result reflected a close afternoon's athletics, with Milton Keynes taking advantage of the home draw to win the match ahead of RNAC in second place. The four points gained by RNAC proved to be vital in clawing us out of the relegation zone to a position of safety and survival in Division 2 for another year.

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WITH the athletics season behind us for this year and the football season well underway, it must be time to bring out the cross country spikes for another winter of mud and guts.

RNAC will be entering teams in the Hampshire and Westward cross country leagues and anybody interested in competing should contact CRS Taff John (Hampshire League), C School, HMS Collingwood ext 2645, or me (S/Lt Graeme Riley) (Westward League), HMS Turbulet N260 Building, HM Naval Base, Devonport ext 68105.

## McNamara sails home

RNSA (Plymouth) hosted the 1995 Bosun National Championships, sailed in Plymouth Sound. They attracted 46 Service and civilian entries.

Saturday's races were sailed in fresh, south westerly breezes. The first was won by the impressive margin of 10 minutes by Mike McNamara. Des O'Connor and Richard Shingleton-Smith, RN entrants, finished third and fourth respectively in new RNSA Bosuns.

The third race — on a lengthened course — finally got underway after two false starts. By the first windward mark McNamara was again in the lead, pursued by Neil Rushton of Moores.

In increasingly gusty conditions, the downwind leg claimed the championships' first capsized victims, although a lot of boats recovered to complete the two-hour race.

McNamara won — this time by eight-and-a-half minutes — followed by Rushton and Shingleton-Smith. Junior helmsman Craig Harris failed to finish within the time limit but sailed with great determination.

McNamara could not be beaten once again on the Sunday, leading from start to finish, although he was

chased throughout by Army sailor David Ellis. The final race followed the same pattern — McNamara first, followed by Ellis.

Trophies and other prizes donated by Brittany Ferries, McNamara Sails, Jeckells and Ocean Wave Clothing, were presented by Mrs Gillian Hore, wife of branch captain, Capt Peter Hore. Also present was Vice Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Commodore RNSA.

A new trophy, funded by the City of Plymouth, was presented to the RNSA by Colin Cotton on behalf of the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association. It is to be awarded to the highest-placed entry helmed by someone from the Plymouth postal area.

There will be no surprise that Mike McNamara claimed the Colbourne Cup (Bosun National Champion). Highest placed RN entry (Singapore Trophy) went to CPOAEA Richard Shingleton-Smith (Daedalus). Second placed RN entry (Red House Plate) was won by CPOEA Des O'Connor (Sultan).

## Change-over for chairmen

IN THEIR latest annual encounter against strong Civil Service opposition for the WA Challenge Trophy, the Navy golf team came close to recording a notable victory before eventually losing by two points overall, writes Cdr Gary Skins.

The match was played at the relatively new Dartmouth Golf and Country Club, whose long, hilly course and excellent facilities proved a very successful first-time venue for a Navy match.

In searing heat players were extremely grateful for the regular supply of cold drinks provided by the MD of WA Consultants (Navy golf sponsors) and his team of willing helpers.

Lunchtime saw the Civil Service ahead by two points after the foursomes. Navy points came from a win by the pairing of Cpl Joe Sharp (CTCRM) and LPT Bill Stretton (Yeovilton) and a fighting half from Lt Cdr Daryll Whitehead (702 NAS) and Lt Cdr Alistair Adams (DNOA).

Capt Steve Williams (MOD Bath), soon to take over as RNSA chairman, made his debut as a player. He was paired with seasoned campaigner Lt Cdr Ian Yuill (DCIS) and they did well to take their opponents to the last green in the top match.

The Navy's sponsors earned further gratitude by providing golf carts for use during the afternoon singles. This seemed the required tonic for the Navy

team, who strove to overturn their deficit.

However, it was not quite enough to secure the necessary points for victory, despite some impressive performances. Wins were recorded by Stretton, Whitehead, Williams and Lt Steve Roberts (Yeovilton). A gritty game by Lt Mark Taylor (Collingwood) saw him emerge with a halved match when his opponent encountered an impossible lie in a bunker at the final hole.

Navy golf circles will be sad to learn that Capt Paul Du Vivier, chairman of Navy golf for the past six years, has announced he is to leave the Service in October. Captain Paul, as well as being a fine golfer in his own right, has devoted a great deal of effort to furthering the achievements of the Navy team and improving the standing of the sport within the Service.

Navy golf owes him a great deal and wishes him the very best of fortune in his new career. Steve Williams takes over the chairmanship at this year's Inter-Services Championships, which will take place on August 18-21 at Saunton Golf Club.



AFTER reading about RNRMAA game fishing in the May edition of Navy News, MEM Nick Tompkins (Sultan) decided to join, and in his first event won the overall title.

He is pictured holding the magnificent 6lb 6oz rainbow trout that helped him to victory at the Langford Fishery bank competition.

Anyone interested in game fishing should contact Lt Cdr Mark Wagstaff at RNH Haslar, ext 2121.

## Gap is narrowing

ONCE again the Navy distance swimming squad suffered as a result of key members not being available to take part and the RAF retained the Fujiarm Trophy — but renewed interest in this demanding discipline raises hopes the trophy may well return to the not too distant future.

Particularly encouraging was the performance of first-time

participant S/Lt Heather Fraser (Manadon), who finished third in the ladies competition — so winning the Navy (W) title — and of the team overall in taking valuable minutes off previous efforts.

Just behind Heather, in fourth place, was LNN Amanda Beare (Derriford Hospital).

Best of the Navy men was WTR Andy Grundy (FOSF Staff). He became Navy champion with his 14th place in the men's competition. Behind

him, finishing 15th and 16th respectively, were Lt Nick Earl (Sultan) and CPO Steve Berry (Collingwood).

These swimmers all completed the 3.5 mile course at Lake Bala, North Wales, and in all 63 of the 65 starters finished the distance.

In the one-mile, short course competition the Navy's best performer was Cpl Andy Jesson (40 Cdo), who finished 18th. In 29th place came POPT Graham Jones (Nelson).



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JUST visible in the spume are the hands of NA(SE) Christopher Leesmith, practising for a wild water race on the River Tryweryn in North Wales.

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There will be suitable events for all levels of ability and teams of three are especially welcome. Sponsorship from Cotswold Camping and West Midlands Canoe Centre means there will be excellent prizes on offer.

Start training now to improve your chance of selection to represent the Navy at the Inter-Service event on the River Nith, near Sanquhar, February 24/25.

For further details contact Lt Cdr David Gibson, HMS Daedalus ext 4138.



## Sport



# Seat of honour

AT THE Service's shooting championships at Bisley, Lt Sally Roots made history by becoming the first woman to win the Queen's Medal as champion shot of the RN/RM. The medal is awarded for combat shooting skill with the SA80 Service rifle.

This year's competition was spread over a ten-day period and involved every aspect of combat shooting, from prone deliberate to fire while advancing from 500 yards to 100 yards, firing in sitting, kneeling and standing positions, electric target shooting and even target engagement while wearing a gas mask.

Sally's achievement is all the more remarkable because of the margin of her victory — she was 60 points clear of former medal-winner CPO Alan Ball, who has been RN champion five times and runner-up four.

The fact that no Royal Marines were shooting this year due to operational commitments should not detract from Sally's feat; it is believed the Queen's Medal would still have been hers if

the Royals had been available to take part.

Other notable wins at the RN small arms meeting included CPO Eddy Grant's domination in the pistol. His first two scores broke the national record and his overall score is a new record by 33 points.

CPO Ball featured as always, winning the smallbore rifle, target rifle, FIBUA (simulated firing in built-up areas) and become Champion at Arms for the ninth time. He was closely followed by Sally Roots, who was runner-up for the third year running.

Naval Air Command dominated all the team events for the seventh year in succession, but were closely pursued by Plymouth, who took the rifle falling plates and pistol tiles events.

Lt Nigel Willing, a Fleet Air Arm pilot, won the target rifle tyro championship, for those attending Bisley for the first time, and PO Phil Joyce (Portsmouth) won the Service rifle tyro and gained a place in the RN VIII, who compete for the Inter-Services trophy.

Despite a tremendous team shoot, the Navy lost the Inter-Services cup by two points to the Army. AEM Mark Treadwell, in only his second year of shooting, suddenly found form and won the last three individual trophies.

His scores earned him a place in the Great Britain Service rifle team, alongside CPO Ball and Sally Roots (captain). Here GB went on to victory over the rest of the world's Armed Forces.



Queen's Medal winner Sally Roots is chaired away by fellow members of the Navy shooting team.



Picture: Lt Cdr D. Gibson

# Dowdell let down at eleventh hour

THE 1995 Inter-Services Hang Gliding Championships were held in South Wales and 65 pilots turned up for the sport's annual aerial battle.

The training week was blessed with terrific weather and by the weekend, pilots were sunburned, dehydrated and exhausted from hours of flying. However, the weather then deteriorated and during the Championships, it was of-

ten windy with lots of clouds and some drizzle!

Despite the weather, the Open Class notched up some 300 hours of airtime and flew over 3,000 kms around photographic turnpoints. The RAF won the Inter-Services Team

Cup.

Last year's runner-up, Lt Cdr Rob Dowdell (702 Sqn Portland), looked as if he would win the Championships for the first time as he maintained a small lead over his nearest rival for the first four days. On the last day though, in strong and turbulent conditions, he could not find a good enough thermal to allow him to leave the ridge, and landed after spending over two hours in the air, to score zero.

# RUNDLE CUP RETAINED

FOR THE second year running the Royal Navy has lifted the Rundle Cup polo trophy after beating the Army at Tidworth. The Prince of Wales, once again, captained the Navy team for this prestigious match.

As it was last year, the game was played in brilliant sunshine before an enthusiastic crowd of over 2,000 spectators.

The two teams started level on handicap but the Navy took an early lead in the first chukka when all four members of the team scored. The Army replied with two goals to pave the way for a fast, exciting contest.

## In control

L/Cpl Grenville Waddington (40 Cdo) combined well with Prince Charles in midfield, ably supported by Lt Adrian Aplin at No 1 and Cdr Richard Mason at the back.

The Navy appeared to be well in control at half time, but the Army came back strongly

in the third chukka to within two goals. The Prince of Wales then produced his best polo to take the Navy to a 8-4 win. Prizes were presented by Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst.

The Rundle Cup Committee was pleased to be associated for the first time with Regain, a charity for people suffering tetraplegia as a result of sports accidents.

A weekend duty at the Rundle Cup paid off handsomely for HMS Raleigh artificer apprentice Louise Lee. As well as selling raffle tickets for Regain she bought one herself — and won the star prize, a week's holiday for two in San Francisco, flying with Virgin Airlines.

Louise collected her prize from Regain's representative, Lady Kanga Tryon.



Navy's winning polo squad pictured with Mr Richard Elliot-Square, one of the sponsors, and Admiral Bathurst. The players are (l-r) Cdr Mason, the Prince of Wales, L/Cpl Waddington and Lt Aplin.

## Borrowed

He was the Royal Navy's Champion Pilot but that final zero knocked him into second place overall. Last year's winner, Lt Rob Schwab, on leave from HMS Illustrious in the Adriatic, borrowed a glider and flew well but he was rusty and it showed, leaving him in third place.

WO2 John Mitchell (RM Poole), fresh from his South American expedition where he flew from 21,000ft, won the Royal Navy Shield for the most improved pilot. CPO Dave Moy won the Concours d'Elegance trophy for his immaculate turnout!

Details of JSAT — sponsored hang gliding and paragliding courses at the Joint Services Hang Gliding & Paragliding Centre can be found in JSP 419 or ring Brecon Mil 3260 for further information. A course costs £50 for 12 days. Where else can you find so much excitement for so little money?

# Supporters go to town for London's win!

WITH THE sun beating down on a hard baked Burnaby Road pitch, HM ships London and Gloucester played out the final of the Midi Ships Soccer Competition, sponsored by Naafi, writes LPT Glenn Miller.

After a nervous start Gloucester broke away down the right and crossed in an early ball. This led to a mistake by AB Paul Gibbons and the Gloucester forward was able to fire the ball under the despairing dive of Navy No2 keeper, MEM Biffa Rutherford.

London, who had brought a party of 120 from the West Country, finally settled down and

pressed for the equaliser. LS Chris Lewis was obstructed in the penalty area, giving London an indirect free kick ten yards out. The ball was touched right and SA Jonah Jones leathered it high into the roof of the net.

Early in the second half London won a corner from which Gibbons rose, salmon-like, to power the ball through the hands of the awestruck keeper. Gloucester equalised through LPT Bobby Cant with a simple tap in from two yards out.

Jones linked up well with AB Pete Lumsden, who played the ball square to LPT Dusty Miller, whose deft reverse pass allowed Lewis to race through and place the ball in the far corner of the

net.

Despite London's lengthy time at sea on a busy trials programme the superior fitness of her players began to tell. Meanwhile, the ship's happy supporters were in fine voice, singing of the cup's imminent journey to Devonport.

A shot from Lewis was parried round the post and the resultant corner drilled in with Gibbons again the target. Play was delayed for 10 minutes while a Gloucester player's head injury was dealt with.

Then Dusty Miller, keeping cool under pressure, took the penalty his side had been awarded and sent the keeper the wrong way, placing the

ball in the top, right-hand corner of the net. This was followed up by a fine solo goal — with just a little bit of luck — from OM Jase Alexander. He collected the ball just inside his own half and set off on a mesmerising run, which left four players trailing in his wake.

With only the keeper to beat he placed the ball under the keeper's lunging body. It rebounded off the post on to the keeper and trickled in.

London played out the game with every pass now cheered. As the final whistle blew London's flight hovered above the pitch, flying the RAS pennant to rapturous cheers.

Full time score: Gloucester 2 London 5.



# SHIPS SAIL IN FINAL TRIBUTE

ROYAL NAVY ships joined VJ events all over the UK last month while HMS Monmouth was in Brisbane for Australia's national Victory in the Pacific commemorations.

The RN was represented at each capital with HMS Exeter and the Royal Yacht in London, HMS Cardiff in her home port, HMS Coventry in Edinburgh and HMS Liverpool making the first visit to Belfast by a major British warship for 25 years.

At the same time HMS Chatham was on Armada Buoy at Plymouth while HMS Berkeley called at Bristol. Plymouth Navy Days were brought forward from the traditional Bank holiday weekend to link with the VJ programme. Fourteen ships were on display including French, Dutch and German units.

## Prayers

In London 25,000 veterans massed in front of Buckingham Palace. Prince Philip, a first lieutenant in the destroyer Whelp in the Pacific, delighted crowds by marching with the veterans.

A Lancaster bomber flew past and dropped a million poppies as prayers were said. The Queen and Prince Philip were escorted down the Mall by two Swordfish aircraft from the RN Historical Flight with 20 tons of fireworks launched in a grand finale by Dame Vera Lynn.

Thousands of veterans marched at Portsmouth to a drumhead service on Southsea common to mark the end of the Far Eastern conflict which many viewed as forgotten once the war in Europe was over.

Earlier 28,000 red white and blue balloons, each representing a life lost in the cause of freedom, were released from the common by the Royal British Legion.

A military tattoo followed with attractions including the Royal Navy mast manning team and Navy News had its



HMS Exeter passes through the Thames Barrier on her way to the VJ Day commemorations in London.  
Picture: PO(PHOT) Foz Parker

own stand there — and at the head of the official street party in the centre of London along King Charles II Street.

The Royal Marines Museum at Eastney saw the first ever reunion of the four units that made up 3 Commando Brigade who fought together at the Battle of Kangaw in Burma just before the Japanese surrender.

As the paper went to press, Portsmouth was again preparing to be the focus of WWII commemorative events as it looked towards the surrender day programme arranged for September 2-3 (full reports and pictures next month).

Meanwhile HMS Daedalus was preparing to host a Grand Reunion of the Fleet Air Arm on September 1 in the presence of the Duke of York.

## Gun protest is off target

THE NAVY has hit back at campaigners who oppose a new gunnery range in Cornwall, saying that their claims are wide of the mark.

Flag Officer Sea Training, Rear Admiral John Tolhurst, says that there will be no exclusion zone around the Dodman Point range and live firing will only take up 30 minutes per week.

His comments coincided with a protest by fishing boats

and pleasure craft organised by the South Cornwall Anti-Firing Range Co-ordination Committee.

Rear Admiral Tolhurst said SCARCC had put forward a number of inaccuracies and that all vessels would be free to come and go around Dodman Point just as they had always been.

He said: "Confusion has possibly arisen because the present Lulworth range is used for two purposes, the Army conducts firings from ashore and has the right to exclude shipping from the seaward extension to its land range.

"This has not been the case with naval gunfire support firings and clearly will not be the situation with Dodman Point."

A new range became necessary with the closure of Portland Naval Base and the transfer of sea training to Devonport. Dodman Point is the only local site which meets all the Navy's criteria and fishing and tourism in the area should be unaffected.

Live firings will take place for a maximum of 72 days per year using inert practice ammunition to avoid hazard from expended shells.

Although the ships will operate close to the shore, there will be no firing towards land, and gunnery observation will be carried out by helicopters out to sea.



EIGHT valiant runners from HMS Cardiff's ship's company ran from Portsmouth to Cardiff in scorching weather to raise money for the Trust for Sick Children in Wales.

They covered the 148 miles in three days running in four relay teams. The team was sent on its way by the commanding officer of HMS Cardiff, Cdr Nick Butler, who ran with them for the first four miles.

The footsore runners reached Cardiff in time for the VJ commemorations.

## Illustrious visitor

THE ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury puts to sea with the Royal Navy in November with a visit to HMS Illustrious in the Channel and a Thursday War exercise in HMS Northumberland.

Dr George Carey will also fly to Plymouth to visit HMS Drake, preach in St Nicholas' Church and attend an evening reception at Admiralty House.

From there, he heads for Portsmouth for a service at St Ann's, and will spend the following day meeting the Archdeaconry Synod Houses of Clergy and Laity and enjoy a working lunch at a senior management seminar at Admiralty House.

The new Tri-Service Chaplaincy School will be established at Amport House, near Andover from April 1, 1996, it was confirmed last month.

## Britannia for sale

HMV Britannia is officially on the market with the issue of a set of guidelines for buyers, questionnaires and an inventory of her assets by the Cabinet Office.

Plans to turn her into a tourist attraction or business must be submitted this month and a decision on her future will be made by the end of the year, ahead of her decommissioning in 1997.

## Offers

The move brings to an end a year of uncertainty after the then Secretary of State for Defence, Malcolm Rifkind, announced her retirement last summer.

The Cabinet Office says that the offers must be submitted in a common format so that they can be fairly evaluated, and that the best scheme will be chosen rather than simply the highest bidder.

The documents also warn bidders to be sensitive to the needs of Royal heritage and that conversion and maintenance costs are likely to be high.

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